



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 94.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, September 21, 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. Rohitha Abegunawardhana, Minister of Ports & Shipping

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Environment

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma, Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Minister of Education 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. Vasudeva Nanayakkara, Minister of Water Supply

Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, Minister of Plantation

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, Minister of Development Co-ordination and Monitoring and State Minister of Digital Technology and Enterprise Development

Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance

Hon. Gamini Lokuge, Minister of Power

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, 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. (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. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**, State Minister of Coast Conservation & Low-Lying Lands Development
- 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. (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

- Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa**, State Minister of Promoting the Production & Regulating the Supply of Organic Fertilizer, and Paddy and Grains, Organic Foods, Vegetables, Fruits, Chilies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promoting, 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. 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. A. L. M. Athaullah**
- Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala**
- Hon. Kapila 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. Tiran Alles**
- 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 Karunatilleka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
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. Mano Ganesan
Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
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. (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. 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. Harin 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. (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. 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.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
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. Sivagnanam Shritharan

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarthiam Sampanthan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Kabir Hashim
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. Official Oath or Affirmation by new member : Hon. Ketagoda Gamage Jayantha Perera, Member of Parliament under Article 99A of the Constitution made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law and signed the Book at the Table.

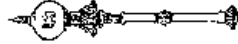
2. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcements:—

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“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 ‘Finance’ on 15 September 2021.”

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“I wish to inform Parliament that the Secretary-General of Parliament has received the Letter of Resignation from the Hon. Ajith Nivard Cabraal, Member of Parliament. The Letter of Resignation will be read now.”



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PARLIAMENT

Nivard Ajith Leslie Cabraal
No: 32/7,
School Lane,
Nawala.

13th September 2021

**The Secretary General,
Parliament of Sri Lanka,
Sri Jayawardanepura
Kotte.**

My dear Secretary General,

I write to inform you that I would be resigning as a Member of Parliament with immediate effect.

I take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for all the courtesies and assistance extended to me during the period that I functioned as a MP. Let me also extend my sincere gratitude to the Honourable Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Deputy Chairman of Committees and all others who made my brief period in Parliament so pleasant and fruitful.

Wishing you and your wonderful team all the very best,

Yours sincerely,

Nivard Ajith Leslie Cabraal
Member of Parliament - National List

Copy to:
General Secretary, Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna

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

- (i) Annual Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Air Force for the year 2020; and
- (ii) Performance Report of the Department of Immigration & Emigration for the year 2020.

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

(2) The Minister of Labour presented the Order made by the Minister of Labour under Section 46, read with Section 8 of the Employees Provident Fund Act No. 15 of 1958 and moved that the Order be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Trade presented the Report on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 120(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund of the Ministry of Trade in the report of the Committee on Public Enterprises which was presented to Parliament and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Enterprises.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Trade presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Trade for the year 2020.

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

(5) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Report of the National Enterprise Development Authority for the year 2015 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industries.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

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

(7) The Minister of Plantation presented the Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Coconut, Kithul and Palmyrah Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing and Export Diversification for the year 2020.

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

(8) The Minister of Justice presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice under Section 840, read with Section 214 of the Civil Procedure Code (Chapter 101) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2234/67 of 02nd July 2021 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Annual Reports of the Ceylon-German Technical Training Institute for the years 2016 & 2017;
- (ii) Annual Report of the University of Colombo School of Computing for the year 2019;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences University of Peradeniya for the year 2019;
- (iv) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Management of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura for the year 2019
- (v) Annual Report & Statement of Accounts of the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka for the year 2019;
- (vi) Annual Report and Annual Financial Statements of the Institute of Human Resource Advancement of the University of Colombo for the year 2019;
- (vii) Annual Report and Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of Science of the University of Peradeniya for the year 2019;
- (viii) Annual Report of the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute for the year 2019;
- (ix) Annual Report and Accounts of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka for the year 2019;
- (x) Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Kelaniya for the year 2019;
- (xi) Annual Report of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka for the year 2019; and
- (xii) Annual Report of the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka for the year 2019

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Anura Priyadarshana Yapa, Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Regulations and the Order under the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017;
- (ii) Order under the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002;
- (iii) Order under the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2006; and
- (iv) Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969

which were referred to the Committee.

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

5. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Gamini Lokuge presented a petition dated 16.03.2021 from Mrs. M. T. Wijesekara of No. 30/1, Ranketha Place, Paropakara Mawatha, Boralesgamuwa.
- (2) Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka presented a petition dated 20.05.2021 from Mr. S. R. P. Gunawardhana of Wathurawila, Kahaduwa.
- (3) Hon. Sudath Manjula presented a petition dated 12.05.2021 from Mrs. K. L. D. Soma Malani Chandralatha Liyanage of No. B 47, Siddamulla Janapadaya, Panapitiya, Ampagala.

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

6. Employees' Provident Fund (Amendment) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Labour presented,— Bill to amend the Employees' Provident Fund Act, No. 15 of 1958.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Monday, October 04, 2021, be printed and be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour.

7. Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Justice presented,— Bill to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Monday, October 04, 2021, be printed and be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice.

8. Ministerial Consultative Committees : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 112 (1) of Parliament and the decision taken on 17th September, 2021 by the Committee of Selection, Ministerial Consultative Committee on Development Co-ordination and Monitoring be appointed to be designated, in addition to the thirty-one (31) Ministerial Consultative Committees approved by the Parliament on 08th September 2020, 07th January 2021 and 06th August 2021.

Above Ministerial Consultative Committee shall consists of the Cabinet Minister in charge of the relevant subject as the Chair, State Minister, Deputy Minister and five (5) other members of Parliament to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to discuss and report upon such matters as are referred to it.

The quorum of above Ministerial Consultative Committee shall be three (3) Members.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Notification under the Excise Ordinance : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 32 read with Sections 8 and 30 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), regarding Excise and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2216/16 of 25th February 2021, which was presented on 03.08.2021, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 07/2021)

(At 11.55 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

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

The Minister of Water Supply moved,— That Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.19 p.m. Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.01 p.m. Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.58 p.m. Hon. Ajith Rajapakse took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act (No.1) : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2216/3 of 22nd February 2021, which was presented on 03.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act (No.2) : The Minister Trade on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2218/51 of 09th March 2021, which was presented on 03.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act (No.3) : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2219/68 of 19th March 2021, which was presented on 03.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act (No.4) : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2224/8 of 19th April 2021, which was presented on 03.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act (No.5) : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2231/19 of 11th June 2021, which was presented on 03.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1) : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2(3) of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2223/2 of 13th April 2021, which was presented on 04.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2) : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2(3) of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2225/1 of 26th April 2021, which was presented on 04.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3) : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2225/8 of 27th April 2021, which was presented on 04.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4) : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2225/13 of 27th April 2021, which was presented on 04.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.5) : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2(3) of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2228/3 of 17th May 2021, which was presented on 04.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

20. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.6) : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2(3) of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2232/3 of 14th June 2021, which was presented on 04.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

21. Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act (No.1) : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2234/19 of 30th June 2021, which were presented on 05.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

22. Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act (No.2) : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2234/20 of 30th June 2021, which were presented on 05.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

23. Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act (No.3) : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2235/22 of 06th July 2021, which were presented on 05.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

24. Order under the Foreign Exchange Act : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 22 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2234/49 of 02nd July 2021, which was presented on 05.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

25. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Minister of Finance 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) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2238/45 of 31st July 2021, which were presented on 07.09.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

26. Select Committee of Parliament to identify appropriate reforms of the election laws and the electoral system and to recommend necessary amendments : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 101 of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 05th April 2021, the Select Committee of Parliament to identify appropriate reforms of the election laws and the electoral system and to recommend necessary amendments shall consist of Seventeen (17) Members of Parliament to be appointed by the Speaker.

Question put, and agreed to.

27. Adjournment (Contribution of All Sectors for the Success of COVID-19 Vaccination Programme): The Minister of Highways moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

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

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2021.