



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 96.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, October 04, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing

Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhana, Minister of Ports & Shipping

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma, Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Udaya Gammanpila, Minister of Energy

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Minister of Education and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena, Minister of Lands

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Labour

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. 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. Gamini Lokuge, Minister of Power

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

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

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

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. 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 Coast Conservation & Low-Lying Lands 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. Susil Premajayantha**, State Minister of Education Reforms, Open Universities and Distance Learning Promotion
- 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. 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. 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. 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. D. B. Herath, State Minister of Livestock, Farm Promotion and Dairy & Egg Related Industries

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan

Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala

Hon. Sampath Athukorala

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Naseer Ahamed

Hon. M. Udayakumar

Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura

Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna

Hon. Akila Ellawala

Hon. Lalith Ellawala

Hon. Govindan Karunakaram

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka

Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam

Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda

Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga

Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku

Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda

Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage

Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi

Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka

Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Anupa Pasqual
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. Niroschan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Nalin Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
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. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
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. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe
Hon. C.V. Wigneswaran
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Madhura Withanage
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. H. M. M. Harees

Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath

Hon. Jayarathna 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:—

I

“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 ‘Consumer Affairs Authority (Amendment)’ on 22 September 2021.”

II

“A motion may be moved to refer the question of Privilege raised in Parliament by the Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Member of Parliament on 07 September 2021 to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker tabled the Budget Estimate for the year 2022 of the National Audit Office prepared by the National Audit Office in terms of Section 34 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018 along with the observations of the Minister of Finance and moved that the said Budget Estimate be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Highways presented the Order made by the Minister of Labour under Section 31, read with Section 20A of the Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children Act No. 47 of 1956 and moved that the Order be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Highways presented the —

- (i) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Industries for the year 2020; and
- (ii) Performance Report of the State Ministry of Rattan, Brass, Pottery, Furniture and Rural Industrial Promotion for the year 2020.

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

(4) The Minister of Lands presented the —

- (i) Performance Report of the Land Use Policy Planning Department for the year 2020;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Sir Lanka Survey Department for the year 2020; and
- (iii) Performance Report of the Ministry of Lands and the State Ministry of Land Management, State Enterprises Land and Property Development for the year 2020.

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

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhana, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Ports & Shipping presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Annual Report & Accounts of the Ceylon Shipping Corporation Limited for the year 2015/2016;
- (ii) Annual Report & the Accounts of the Jaya Container Terminals Limited for the year 2018;
- (iii) Annual Report & the Accounts of the Jaya Container Terminals Limited for the year 2019; and
- (iv) Annual Report of the Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd for the year 2016/2017

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Udaya Gammanpila, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Energy presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Petroleum Resources Bill;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited for the year 2017;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited for the year 2018;
- (iv) Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited for the year 2019;
- (v) Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the year 2018; and
- (vi) Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the year 2019

which were referred to the Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

(1) Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara presented —

- (i) a petition dated 05.07.2021 from Mr. G. K. Senanayake of Yahala Watte, Dikkumbura, Ahangama; and
- (ii) a petition dated 30.06.2021 from Mr. H. G. Rathnasiri of Lake View Park, Alawathukissa, Kathaluwa, Ahangama.

- (2) Hon. Hesha Withanage presented a petition dated 28.03.2021 from Mr. A. Edirisinghe of No. 3393/5, Nuge Cross Road, Moraketiya, Embilipitiya.
- (3) Hon. Lalith Ellawala presented a petition dated 10.06.2021 from Mr. Kaluthanthrige Kapila Mathanga Perera of No. 50/1, Pitipana North, Homagama.
- (4) Hon. Milan Jayathilake presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 05.05.2021 from Mr. H. P. Somathilaka of No. 134/A, Yabaraluwa, Malwana; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 05.05.2021 from Mr. J. A. P. K. Senevirathne of No. 182/4, Kuttiwila, Kirindiwela.

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

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.46 a.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Improvement moved,— That Hon. Ajith Rajapakse do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.30 p.m. Hon. Ajith Rajapakse took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 3.23 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 05, 2021.