



(Ninth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 18.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

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. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Environment

Hon. Dilum Amunugama, Minister of Transport

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage, Minister of Agriculture

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. 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 and Forest Resources Conservation

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Health

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. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, 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. (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. Anuradha Jayaratne**, State Minister of Tanks, Reservoirs and Irrigation Development related to Rural Paddy Fields
- 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. 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. Tharaka Balasuriya**, State Minister of Regional Co-operation
- Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**, State Minister of Rattan, Brass, Pottery, Furniture and Rural Industrial Promotion
- 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. Janaka Wakkumbura**, State Minister of Development of Minor Crops including Sugarcane, Maize, Cashew, Pepper, Cinnamon, Cloves, Betel Related Industries and Export Promotion
- Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera**, State Minister of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish & Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbour Development, Multi day Fishing Activities and Fish Exports
- Hon. S. Viyalanderan**, State Minister of Backward Rural Areas Development and Promotion of Domestic Animal Husbandary & Minor Economic Crop Cultivation
- 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. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya
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Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
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Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda
Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
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Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Niroschan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Nalin Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha
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. 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. 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 Rajapaksha
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
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Hon. Madhura Withanage
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Samanpriya Herath
Hon. Marjan Faleel

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Acting Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Messages from the President : The Deputy Speaker read the following message received from the President:—



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President of Sri Lanka

My No. PS/CSA/00/1/12/7

March 21, 2022

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana
Speaker
Parliament of Sri Lanka

Hon. Speaker,

The Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40)

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 12 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), I have issued an order to the effect that all members of the Armed Forces specified in the First Schedule are summoned for the maintenance of Public Order in the areas specified in Second Schedule thereof taking into consideration the need for the Public Order to be maintained.

Accordingly, I hereby inform the Parliament of the said Order in terms of Section 2(3) of the aforesaid Ordinance read with Section 21(2) thereof.

Yours sincerely,

Gotabaya Rajapaksa

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2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Report of the State Timber Corporation for the year 2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Report of the Jaya Container Terminals Limited for the year 2020 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Ports & Shipping.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Highways presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 read with Sections 5, 19 and 20 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2240/37 of 14th August 2021 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Transport.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera presented a petition dated 21.12.2021 from Mr. T. S. Jayantha of Akkara 08, Bombuwala, Kalutara-South.
- (2) Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda presented a petition dated 12.01.2022 from Mrs. P. R. Malani Suwarnalatha of No. 421, Dimbulgamuwa, Madawala Ulpatha, Matale.

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

4. Regulations under the Land Development Ordinance (No.1) : The Minister of Lands moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Lands under Sections 155 and 156 of the Land Development Ordinance (Chapter 464) as amended by Acts, Nos. 16 of 1969, 27 of 1981, 22 of 1993, 9 of 1995 and No. 20 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2251/48 of 28th October 2021 and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2266/5 of 07th February 2022 making the amendments to the said Gazette, which were presented on 08.03.2022, be approved.

The Minister of Water Supply moved,—That Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.24 a.m. Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe took the Chair.)

Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri seconded by Hon. H. Nandasena 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.)

The Minister of Lands moved,— That Hon. Hesha Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.32 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

The Minister of Lands moved,— That Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.58 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Regulations under the Land Development Ordinance (No.2) : The Minister of Lands moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Lands under Sections 155 and 156 of the Land Development Ordinance (Chapter 464) as amended by Acts, Nos. 16 of 1969, 27 of 1981, 22 of 1993, 9 of 1995 and No. 20 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2262/50 of 15th January 2022 and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2266/5 of 07th February 2022 making the amendments to the said Gazette, which were presented on 08.03.2022, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Adjournment (Payment of Pension Gratuity on Time) : The Minister of Highways moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 5.16 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022.