



(Ninth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 22.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, April 06, 2022 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 Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing

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

Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

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

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. 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. 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. 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 Wijesekera**, 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. 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. A. L. M. Athaullah**
- Hon. Kapila Athukorala**
- Hon. Sampath Athukorala**
- Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala**
- Hon. Tissa Attanayake**
- Hon. Hector Appuhamy**
- Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhana**
- Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**
- Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera**
- Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya**
- Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**
- Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal**
- Hon. Dilum Amunugama**
- Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Naseer Ahamed
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. M. Udayakumar
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Lalith Ellawala
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara
Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga
Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon

Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Jeevan Thondaman
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. Anupa Pasqual
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Nalin Fernando
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Uddika Premarathne

Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith 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. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Ajith Rajapakse
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
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. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha 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. Messages from the President : The Speaker read the following message received from the President:—



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President of Sri Lanka

My No. PS/CSA/00/1/12/14

April 05, 2022

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana
Speaker
Parliament of Sri Lanka

Hon. Speaker,

The Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40)

I have declared by Proclamation dated 01.04.2022, under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40) that the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance shall come into operation throughout Sri Lanka from 1st of April 2022.

The Parliament is hereby duly informed in terms of Article 155 (4) of the Constitution that the purpose of the above Proclamation is to the protection of Public Order and the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the life of the community.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. Gotabaya Rajapaksa

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2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Report of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority for the year 2020 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industries.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Highways presented the—

- (i) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management for the year 2019;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau for the year 2019;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority for the year 2019; and
- (iv) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Convention Bureau for the year 2020

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

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : The Leader of the House of Parliament, on behalf the Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Transport presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Regulations made under Section 237 read with Section 213B of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203);
- (ii) Regulations made under Section 237 read with Sections 122, 122A and Part VIIA of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203);
- (iii) Regulations made under Section 237 read with Sections 5, 19 and 20 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203);
- (iv) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Transport Board for the year 2015;
- (v) Annual Report of the National Council for Road Safety for the year 2017;
- (vi) Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute for the year 2019; and
- (vii) Annual Report of the National Transport Commission for the year 2019

which were referred to the Committee.

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

Suspension of Sittings

At 10.51 a.m.

The Sitting was then suspended until 11.05 a.m.

At 11.05 a.m.

The Sitting was resumed. The Speaker took the Chair.

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhana presented a petition dated 03.10.2019 from Mr. Guneththi Sunil of No. 03, Nadee Uyana, Batagoda, Galpatha.
- (2) Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan presented a petition dated 21.02.2022 from Mr. I. L. Bathur Sahibu of No. 08, Main Street, Oluwil-01.
- (3) Hon. Kapila Athukorala presented a petition dated 07.04.2020 from Mr. T. Kamalanathan of No. 164/16, Lower Road, Orr's Hill, Trincomalee.
- (4) Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte presented a petition dated 31.01.2022 from Mrs. D. M. M. C. Disanayaka of No. 255/1/8, Ihala Bomiriya, Kaduwela.

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

5. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraaff seconded by Hon. Ajith Rajapakse moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Community Association of Professionals.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament to the Minister of Health for report.

Suspension of Sittings

At 11.37 a.m.

The Sitting was then suspended until 11.50 a.m.

At 11.50 a.m.

The Sitting was resumed. The Speaker took the Chair.

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

The State Minister of Women and Child Development, Preschools & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services moved,— That Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.24 p.m. Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe took the Chair.)

6. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourned.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 4.28 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, April 07, 2022.