



*(Ninth Parliament - Second Session)*

No. 35.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, May 20, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana**, Speaker

**Hon. Ajith Rajapakse**, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

**Hon. Angajan Ramanathan**, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

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**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**, Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs,  
Provincial Councils and Local Government and Leader of the House of  
Parliament

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

**Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha**, Minister of Education

**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**, Minister of Urban Development and Housing and Chief  
Government Whip

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**Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah**

**Hon. Kapila Athukorala**

**Hon. Sampath Athukorala**

**Hon. Tissa Attanayake**

**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**

**Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**

**Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal**

**Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**

**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**

**Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**

**Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**

**Hon. Naseer Ahamed**

**Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi**

**Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura**

**Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda**

**Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna**

**Hon. Akila Ellawala**

**Hon. Lalith Ellawala**  
**Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka**  
**Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam**  
**Hon. Faizal Cassim**  
**Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda**  
**Hon. Lakshman Kiriella**  
**Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda**  
**Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe**  
**Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri**  
**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**  
**Hon. Mano Ganesan**  
**Hon. Udaya Gammanpila**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana**  
**Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena**  
**Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan**  
**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**  
**Hon. Milan Jayathilake**  
**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**  
**Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana**  
**Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**  
**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban**  
**Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon**  
**Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon**  
**Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva**  
**Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**  
**Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva**  
**Hon. Palani Thigambaram**  
**Hon. S. B. Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya**  
**Hon. Isuru Dodangoda**  
**Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte**

**Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena**  
**Hon. H. Nandasena**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda**  
**Hon. Asanka Navarathna**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. Kins Nelson**  
**Hon. Sanath Nishantha**  
**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. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**  
**Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi**  
**Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. Uddika Premarathne**  
**Hon. Rohana Bandara**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara**  
**Hon. Shantha Bandara**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. Sudath Manjula**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. K. Kader Masthan**  
**Hon. Imran Maharoof**  
**Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff**  
**Hon. Mohomad Muzammil**  
**Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**  
**Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara**  
**Hon. Lohan Ratwatte**  
**Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka**  
**Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe**  
**Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero**

**Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Namal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha**  
**Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam**  
**Hon. Waruna Liyanage**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi**  
**Hon. Gamini Waleboda**  
**Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**  
**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. Thenuka Vidanagamage**  
**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**  
**Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**  
**Hon. D. Weerasingha**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera**  
**Hon. M .U. M. Ali Sabry**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi**  
**Hon. John Seneviratne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne**  
**Hon. Rauff Hakeem**  
**Hon. H. M. M. Harees**  
**Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath**  
**Hon. Kanaka Herath**

**Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath**

**Hon. D. B. Herath**

**Hon. Vijitha Herath**

**Hon. Samanpriya Herath**

**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 announcement:—

“I wish to inform that in terms of the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I have endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled ‘Sri Shakyasinharama Viharastha Karyasadhaka Sanvidanaya (Incorporation)’ on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022.”

**2. Presentation of Papers :** The Speaker presented the—

- (i) Ninth Instalment – Part I of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2008;
- (ii) Third Instalment – Part XV, Second Instalment – Part XXX and Ninth Instalment – Part XXV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2017;
- (iii) Third Instalment – Part XVI and Ninth Instalment – Parts XXX and XXXI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2018;
- (iv) Second Instalment – Parts XXXV and XXXVI and Ninth Instalment – Parts XXVII and XXVIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2019; and
- (v) Second Instalment – Parts XXVII, XXVIII and XXIX, Third Instalment – Part XV and Ninth Instalment – Parts XV, XVI and XVII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2020

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Reports do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

**3. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** Hon. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana, Chair of the Committee on Public Accounts presented the First Report of the Committee on Public Accounts for the Second Session of the Ninth Parliament.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

**4. Presentation of Public Petitions :**

- (1) Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte presented a petition dated 28.01.2022 from Mr. M. Ajith Sisira Kumara Alwis of No. 130/11, Heressagala Road, Kandy.
- (2) Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena presented a petition dated 14.03.2022 from Mrs. D. M. A. Anne Hettiarachchi of No. 107, Neluwaththuduwa, Waga.

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

**5. Sittings of the Parliament :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 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 11.00 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

**6. Adjournment (A Select Committee to Look into the Riotous Incidents on 09<sup>th</sup> May, 2022) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourned.

Order read for resuming; Adjourned debate on question (17<sup>th</sup> May 2022).

Question again proposed and debate resumed.

(At 12.58 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura seconded by Hon. Lohan Ratwatte moved,—That Hon. Shantha Bandara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.59 p.m. Hon. Shantha Bandara took the Chair.)

(At 4.43 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 5.46 p.m. adjourned by the Deputy Speaker without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 07, 2022.