



(Ninth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 41.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, June 22, 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

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation

Hon. Tiran Alles, Minister of Public Security

Hon. Naseer Ahamed, Minister of Environment

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

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana, Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment

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

Hon. Dhammika Perera, Minister of Investment Promotion

Hon. Nalin Fernando, Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security

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

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

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe, Minister of Irrigation and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Health and Minister of Water Supply

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms

Hon. Vidura Wikramanayaka, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera, Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah
Hon. Kapila Athukorala
Hon. Sampath Athukorala
Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhana
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. Dillum Amunugama
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Lalith Ellawala
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara
Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga
Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne

Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Jeevan Thondaman
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Anupa Pasqual
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana
Hon. Madhura Withanage
Hon. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. D. B. Herath
Hon. Samanpriya Herath
Hon. Marjan Faleel

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 Members : Hon. Kulappu Arachchige Don Dhammika 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. 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/00/1/12/7

June 20, 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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3. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report & Financial Statements of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University for the year 2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization & National Policies for the year 2021 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the—

- (i) Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization & National Policies 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. 2282/21 of 31st May 2022; and
- (ii) Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization & National Policies 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. 2282/22 of 31st May 2022

and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2285/04 of 20th June 2022 and Schedule thereto, by virtue of the powers vested with the President in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979.

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

(5) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the—

- (i) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing for the year 2021; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Urban Development, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness for the year 2021.

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

(6) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Ports & Shipping for the year 2021.

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

(7) The Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the State Ministry of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Train Compartments and Motor Car Industry for the year 2021.

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

(8) The Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security presented the Performance Report of the State Ministry of Cooperative Services, Marketing Development and Consumer Protection for the year 2021.

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

4. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Chair of the Select Committee of Parliament to Identify Appropriate Reforms of the Election Laws and the Electoral System and to Recommend Necessary Amendments presented the Report and the Minutes of the said Committee for the Second Session of the Ninth Parliament.

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

5. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Dilum Amunugama presented a petition dated 10.10.2021 from Mr. Withanage Gedara Dayarathne of No. 155, Janasavigama, Pallekele, Kundasale.

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

6. Sittings of the Parliament (No.1) : 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 19th 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 4.30 p.m.. At 11.00 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Sittings of the Parliament (No.2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the Parliament shall sit on Monday, July 04th, 2022.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Sittings of the Parliament (No.3) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on Monday, July 04th, 2022 shall be 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.. At 3.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Questions for Oral Answers appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at the sitting of Parliament on Monday, July 04th, 2022 from the provisions of the Standing Order 35 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Sittings of the Parliament (No.4) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.00 a.m. on Monday, July 04th, 2022.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Adjournment (Scarcity of Drugs and Issues Faced by the Health Sector) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourned.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 12.46 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Health and Minister of Water Supply moved,—That Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.01 p.m. Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara took the Chair.)

(At 3.27 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 4.14 p.m. adjourned by the Deputy Speaker until 10.00 a.m. on Monday, July 04, 2022 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.