



(Ninth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 42.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, July 04, 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. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation

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. Douglas Devananda, Minister of Fisheries

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

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

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Tourism and Lands

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. Selvam Adaikkalanathan

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah

Hon. Kapila Athukorala

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala
Hon. Sampath Athukorala
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
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. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
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. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne

Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Jeevan Thondaman
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Sanath Nishantha
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. C.V. Wigneswaran
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. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne

Hon. H. M. M. Harees

Hon. Kabir Hashim

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath

Hon. D. B. Herath

Hon. Samanpriya Herath

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, 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 I have endorsed the certificates on the Bills entitled ‘Civil Procedure Code (Amendment)’, ‘Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment)’ and ‘Industrial Disputes (Special Provisions)’ on 23rd June 2022, in terms of the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the—

- (i) Annual Reports of the National Insurance Trust Fund for the years 2018 and 2019; and
- (ii) Annual Reports of the Employees’ Trust Fund Board for the years 2018 and 2019

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Performance Report of the Department of Information Technology Management for the year 2021; and
- (ii) Note on Supplementary Allocations from the Supplementary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities Project appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget for the period from 01.05.2022 to 31.05.2022 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 30 of 2021.

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

(3) The Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government presented the—

- (i) Annual Performance Report & Accounts of the District Secretariat—Kegalle for the year 2021;
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the District Secretariat—Monaragala for the year 2021;
- (iii) Performance & Accounts Report of the District Secretariat—Ratnapura for the year 2021; and
- (iv) Annual Performance & Accounts Report of the District Secretariat—Matale for the year 2021.

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

(4) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Construction Industry Development Authority for the year 2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Urban Development and Housing.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Education presented the—

- (i) Annual Report of the Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology of the University of Colombo for the year 2020;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine for the year 2020; and
- (iii) Annual Report & Annual Accounts of the Institute of Technology of the University of Moratuwa for the year 2020.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Education presented the—

- (i) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Highways under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of a Department of Psychiatry of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2005/14 of 08th February 2017;
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Highways under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of Departments of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2028/34 of 19th July 2017;
- (iii) Order made by the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of a Department of Family Medicine of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/62 of 08th March 2019;

- (iv) Order made by the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of a Department of English Language Teaching and a Department of Media Studies of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2116/43 of 27th March 2019;
- (v) Orders made by the Minister of Education under Section 27(1) read with Section 21 and Section 139 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of Department of Anatomy, Genetics and Biomedical Informatics and Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka and under Section 27(1) read with Section 21 and Section 139 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2216/11 of 23rd February 2021;
- (vi) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment Departments of the Faculty of Dance and Drama and the Faculty of Music of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2217/2 of 01st March 2021;
- (vii) Orders made by the Minister of Education under Section 21 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of Departments of the Faculty of Business Studies, the Faculty of Applied Science and the Faculty of Technological Studies of the University of Vavuniya, Sri Lanka and under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the revocation of the established Vavuniya Campus of the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 968/6 of 26th March 1997 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2231/5 of 08th June 2021;
- (viii) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 27(1) read with Sections 21 and 139 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of Departments of Faculty of Dental Sciences of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2257/28 of 08th December 2021;
- (ix) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 27(1) read with Sections 21 and 139 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of a Department of Optometry of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2266/73 of 11th February 2022;

- (x) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 27(1) read with Sections 21 and 139 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of a Department of Family Medicine of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2269/53 of 03rd March 2022; and
- (xi) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 27(1) read with Sections 21 and 139 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of a Department of Information Technology of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2276/04 of 18th April 2022.

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

(7) The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs presented the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation for the year 2019 and moved that the Report be referred to Ministerial Consultative Committee on Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Trade for the year 2021.

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

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Ajith Rajapakse, Chair of the Legislative Standing Committee presented the Report of the said Committee on the Bill entitled, “Sisira Jayakody Siyapatha Foundation (Incorporation)” which was referred to the Committee, together with the Minutes of proceedings.

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

Bill, as reported by Legislative Standing Committee, to be considered on Tuesday, 05th July 2022.

(2) Hon. Anura Priyadarshana Yapa, Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Orders under the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007;
- (ii) Orders under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979;
- (iii) Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017;
- (iv) Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969;
- (v) Resolution under the Appropriation Act, No. 7 of 2020; and
- (vi) Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235)

which were referred to the Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna presented a petition dated 12.08.2021 from Mr. C. M. N. Chandrarathna of No. 10, “Chandragiri”, Gonamada, Tenna, Matale.
- (2) Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena presented a petition dated 25.05.2022 from Mr. M. L. S. Nishantha of 11th Post, Monaragala Road, Buttala.

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

(At 11.59 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

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

5. Ministerial Consultative Committees : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 112 (1) of the Parliament, the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Investment Promotion be appointed to be designated as per the decision taken on 30th June, 2022 by the Committee of Selection.

Above Ministerial Consultative Committee shall consist of the Cabinet Minister in charge of the relevant subject as the Chair, State Minister, Deputy Minister and five (5) other Members of Parliament to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to discuss and report upon such matters as are referred to it.

The quorum of the above Ministerial Consultative Committee shall be three (3) Members.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Adjournment : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourned.

And it being past 3.30 p.m. Parliament was at 3.49 p.m. adjourned by the Deputy Chairperson of Committees, without Question put.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 05, 2022.