



*(Ninth Parliament - Third Session)*

No. 15.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 9.30 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**, Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration,  
Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government

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

**Hon. Naseer Ahamed**, Minister of Environment

**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. Douglas Devananda**, Minister of Fisheries

**Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara**, Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment

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

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

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

**Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse**, Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and  
Constitutional Reforms

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

**Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera**, Minister of Power and Energy

**Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**, State Minister of Transport

**Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe**, State Minister of Women and Child Affairs

**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**, State Minister of Education

**Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage**, State Minister of Tourism

**Hon. Siripala Gamalath**, State Minister of Highways

**Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan**, State Minister of Rural Road Development

**Hon. D. V. Chanaka**, State Minister of Power and Energy

**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**, State Minister of Indigenous Medicine

**Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne**, State Minister of Justice and Prison Affairs

**Hon. Premalal Jayasekara**, State Minister of Ports and Aviation

**Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon**, State Minister of Defence

**Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake**, State Minister of Primary Industries

**Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva**, State Minister of Fisheries

**Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**, State Minister of Agriculture

**Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka**, State Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs

**Hon. Sanath Nishantha**, State Minister of Water Supply

**Hon. Anupa Pasqual**, State Minister of Social Empowerment

**Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara**, State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion

**Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**, State Minister of Home Affairs

**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**, State Minister of Foreign Affairs

**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**, State Minister of Private Education

**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**, State Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises Development

**Hon. Lohan Ratwatte**, State Minister of Plantation Industries

**Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan**, State Minister of Higher Education

**Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa**, State Minister of Irrigation

**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

**Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage**, State Minister of Urban Development and Housing

**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**, State Minister of Trade

**Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya**, State Minister of Finance

**Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**, State Minister of Finance

**Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath**, State Minister of Power and Energy

**Hon. Kanaka Herath**, State Minister of Technology

**Hon. D. B. Herath**, State Minister of Livestock Development

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

**Hon. Sampath Athukorala**

**Hon. Tissa Attanayake**

**Hon. Wajira Abeywardana**  
**Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya**  
**Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**  
**Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal**  
**Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan**  
**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**  
**Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**  
**Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**  
**Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi**  
**Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura**  
**Hon. M. Udayakumar**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda**  
**Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna**  
**Hon. Akila Ellawala**  
**Hon. Lalith Ellawala**  
**Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka**  
**Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam**  
**Hon. Faizal Cassim**  
**Hon. Lakshman Kiriella**  
**Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda**  
**Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara**  
**Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri**  
**Hon. Velu Kumar**  
**Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku**  
**Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda**  
**Hon. Udaya Gammanpila**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene**  
**Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa**  
**Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**  
**Hon. Milan Jayathilake**  
**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana**  
**Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**

**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban**  
**Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon**  
**Hon. Jeevan Thondaman**  
**Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva**  
**Hon. Palani Thigambaram**  
**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Duminda Dissanayake**  
**Hon. S. B. Dissanayake**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha**  
**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. Charles Nirmalanathan**  
**Hon. Kins Nelson**  
**Hon. Nimal Piyathissa**  
**Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris**  
**Hon. Niroshan Perera**  
**Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam**  
**Hon. Johnston Fernando**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi**  
**Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. Uddika Premarathne**  
**Hon. Rohana Bandara**  
**Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara**  
**Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen**  
**Hon. Sudath Manjula**

**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. Imran Maharoof**  
**Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff**  
**Hon. Mohomad Muzammil**  
**Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara**  
**Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka**  
**Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara**  
**Hon. C. B. Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe**  
**Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha**  
**Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan**  
**Hon. M. Rameshwaran**  
**Hon. Nimal Lanza**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Gamini Waleboda**  
**Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe**  
**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. Chandima Weerakkody**  
**Hon. D. Weerasingha**  
**Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera**  
**Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena**

**Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi**

**Hon. John Seneviratne**

**Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne**

**Hon. Rauff Hakeem**

**Hon. Abdul Haleem**

**Hon. (Prof.) Charitha 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. 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 ‘Social Security Contribution Levy’ on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022.”

**2. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Performance Report of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption for the year 2021.

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

(2) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report & Accounts of the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation 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.

(3) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Buildings for the year 2021.

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

(4) The Minister of Health and Water Supply presented the Annual Report of the Water Resources Board for the year 2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Water Supply.

Question put, and agreed to.

**3. Sittings of the Parliament :** The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motions agreed to by Parliament on 09<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022, the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 10.30 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.

**4. Leave to introduce Bill (No.1) :** Hon. Chandima Weerakkody seconded by Hon. Mohomad Muzammil moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Dr. Saman Weerasinghe Foundation.”

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 Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment for report.

**5. Leave to introduce Bill (No.2) :** Hon. Lalith Ellawala seconded by Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Pavithra Wanniarachchi Sahurda Foundation.”

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 Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs for report.

**6. Adjournment (Expeditious Programme for Proper Collection of Government Revenue) :** The Minister of Urban Development and Housing moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 11.49 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

Hon. John Seneviratne seconded by Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage moved,— That Hon. Hesha Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.49 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.55 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Finance moved,—That Hon. Samanpriya Herath do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.29 p.m. Hon. Samanpriya Herath took the Chair.)

And it being 5.30 p.m. Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2022.