



(Ninth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 13.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, September 09, 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

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

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration,
Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government

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

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment

Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Education and Leader of the House of
Parliament

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

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. Sivaneshathurai Santhirakanthan, State Minister of Rural Road Development

Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon, State Minister of Defence

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva, State Minister of Agriculture

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

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. Shantha Bandara, State Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda, State Minister of Piriven Education

Hon. Lohan Ratwatte, State Minister of Plantation Industries

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

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

Hon. Kanaka Herath, State Minister of Technology

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

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala

Hon. Sampath Athukorala

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe

Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura

Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. Piyanara Jayaratne

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake

Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte

Hon. H. Nandasena

Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara

Hon. Kins Nelson

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle

Hon. Uddika Premarathne

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen

Hon. Sudath Manjula

Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil

Hon. Ishak Rahuman

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Madhura Withanage
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. H. M. M. Harees

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcements:—

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“I wish to inform Parliament that I have received a copy of another Petition filed at the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill entitled ‘Petroleum Products (Special Provisions) (Amendment)’, in addition to the receipt of Petitions mentioned in the announcement made by me on 07th September 2022.”

II

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Fisheries, in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 112 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th August 2022:—

Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. D. Weerasingha”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented the —

- (i) Eleventh Volume – 01 of the Triennial Report of the Auditor-General on Departments, in terms of Section 14 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018; and
- (ii) Eleventh Volume – 06 (iii) of the Triennial Report of the Auditor-General on Pradeshiya Sabhas, in terms of Section 14 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018

received to the National Audit Office, 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.

(2) The Minister of Education presented the —

- (i) Annual Reports of the State Printing Corporation for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018;
- (ii) Annual Report & Statement of Accounts of the University of Moratuwa for the year 2020; and
- (iii) Annual Report of the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies of the Eastern University for the year 2020

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon Shipping Corporation for the year 2018/2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Ports, Shipping and Aviation.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Education presented the Reports on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on the Department of National Zoological Gardens, Department of Forest Conservation and Department of Wildlife Conservation of the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation in the report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament and moved that those Reports be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Education presented the Performance Report of the State Ministry of Backward Rural Areas Development and Promotion of Domestic Animal Husbandry & Minor Economic Crop Cultivation for the year 2021.

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

(6) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Report of the National Enterprise Development Authority for the year 2017 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industries.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment presented the Annual Report of the National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health for the year 2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour and Foreign Employment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Reports of the Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd for the years 2018 and 2019 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Irrigation.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi presented a petition dated 29.08.2022 from Mrs. Udeni Rathnayake of Millagahawatta, Dorape, Agulugaha, Galle.

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

4. Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented,—“Bill to amend the Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Chapter 218).”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, be printed and be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms.

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 motions agreed to by Parliament on 09th and 12th 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 4.30 p.m.. At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 9.53 a.m. adjourned by the Speaker until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2022.