



(Ninth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 40.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, November 24, 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

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

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. Tiran Alles, Minister of Public Security

Hon. Naseer Ahamed, Minister of Environment

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Attorney at Law, 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. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha, Attorney at Law, Minister of Education and Leader of the House of Parliament

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

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

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

Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera, Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. Dilum Amunugama, State Minister of Investment Promotion

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Seetha Arambepola, State Minister of Health
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, State Minister of Transport
Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage, State Minister of Tourism
Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan, State Minister of Rural Road Development
Hon. D. V. Chanaka, State Minister of Power and Energy
Hon. Sisira Jayakody, Attorney at Law, 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, Attorney at Law, 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. Arundika Fernando, State Minister of Urban Development and Housing
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha, State Minister of Home Affairs
Hon. Shantha Bandara, State Minister of Mass Media
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, State Minister of Foreign Affairs
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda, State Minister of Piriven Education
Hon. K. Kader Masthan, State Minister of Rural Economy
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

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah

Hon. Kapila Athukorala
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala, Attorney at Law
Hon. Sampath Athukorala
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhana
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. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Attorney at Law
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara
Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga
Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
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. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. S. Noharathalingam
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Dhammika Perera
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Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Attorney at Law
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. C.V. Wigneswaran
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana
Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera

Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Jayarathna Herath
Hon. Samanpriya Herath
Hon. Marjan Faleel
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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

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

- (i) Annual Report of the HDFC Bank of Sri Lanka for the year 2019;
- (ii) Annual Reports of the State Mortgage & Investment Bank for the years 2019 and 2020; and
- (iii) Annual Report of the National Lotteries Board for the year 2020

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) Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and 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. 2304/04 of 31st October 2022; and
- (ii) Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and 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. 2304/05 of 31st October 2022

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Plantation Industries and Industries presented the Annual Reports of the Lanka Sugar Company (Private) Limited for the years 2013 and 2014 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation Industries.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Tiran Alles, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Public Security presented the Report of the said Committee on the Annual Report of National Dangerous Drugs Control Board for the year 2020, which was referred to the Committee.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law presented —

- (i) a petition dated 09.11.2022 from Mr. W. A. P. J. Wickramasinghe of Samulu Niwasa 8D, Kappetipola Mawatha, Colombo 05; and
- (ii) a petition dated 04.11.2022 from Mr. W. G. S. Kumara of No. 125, Old Kesbewa Road, Gangodawila, Nugegoda.

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

4. Appropriation Bill — (Ninth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Head 103

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.04 a.m. Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

(At 12.52 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 1.58 p.m. Hon. Imran Maharroof took the Chair.)

(At 3.40 p.m. Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe took the Chair.)

(At 5.01 p.m. Hon. Samanpriya Herath took the Chair.)

(At 6.17 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Ministry of Defence

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out lines 10 and 11 in page 13 and substitute the following:—

“Recurrent	359,648,000,000
Capital	49,980,000,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows: Ayes: 91; Noes: 10.

The following Ninety nine (99) Hon. Members of Parliament voted by using the electronic voting system under the Standing Order 47(2)(b) of the Parliament, as follows:—

G 001. Douglas Devananda	Yes
G 002. Nimal Siripala De Silva	Yes
G 005. Prasanna Ranatunga	Yes
G 006. Susil Premajayantha	Yes
G 007. Dinesh Gunawardena	Yes
G 014. Ramesh Pathirana	Yes
G 017. Kanchana Wijesekera	Yes
G 018. Naseer Ahamed	Yes
G 019. Manusha Nanayakkara	Yes
G 020. Tiran Alles	Yes
G 022. Nalin Fernando	Yes
G 024. Jagath Pushpakumara	Yes

G 026. Dilum Amunugama	Yes
G 027. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva	Yes
G 028. Janaka Wakkumbura	Yes
G 029. Shehan Semasinghe	Yes
G 030. Kanaka Herath	Yes
G 031. Thenuka Vidanagamage	Yes
G 032. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon	Yes
G 034. Rohana Dissanayaka	Yes
G 035. Premalal Jayasekara	Yes
G 036. Arundika Fernando	Yes
G 037. Vijitha Berugoda	Yes
G 038. Lohan Ratwaththe	Yes
G 039. Sanath Nishantha	Yes
G 040. Tharaka Balasuriya	Yes
G 041. Indika Anuruddha Herath	Yes
G 043. Anuradha Jayaratne	Yes
G 044. S. Viyalanderan	Yes
G 045. D. V. Chanaka	Yes
G 046. Sisira Jayakody	Yes
G 047. Piyal Nishantha De Silva	Yes
G 049. D. B. Herath	Yes
G 050. Shasheendra Rajapaksa	Yes
G 051. Seetha Arambepola	Yes
G 052. Shantha Bandara	Yes
G 053. K. Kader Masthan	Yes
G 054. Ashoka Priyantha	Yes
G 058. Diana Gamage	Yes
G 059. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan	Yes
G 060. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake	Yes
G 061. Anupa Pasqual	Yes
G 063. S. B. Dissanayake	Yes
G 064. Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi	Yes
G 065. Gamini Lokuge	Yes
G 066. Vajira Abeywardena	Yes
G 068. C. B. Rathnayake	Yes
G 069. S. M. Chandrasena	Yes
G 070. Mahindananda Aluthgamage	Yes
G 071. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana	Yes
G 072. Namal Rajapaksa	Yes
G 073. Sarath Weerasekera	Yes
G 075. Dhammika Perera	Yes
G 076. Kapila Athukorala	Yes
G 077. Gayashan Nawananda	Yes
G 078. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff	Yes
G 079. Jayantha Ketagoda	Yes

G 080. Sampath Athukorala	Yes
G 082. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura	Yes
G 083. Pradeep Undugoda	Yes
G 084. Sanjeeva Edirimanna	Yes
G 085. Akila Ellawala	Yes
G 087. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku	Yes
G 088. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda	Yes
G 089. Udayakantha Gunathilaka	Yes
G 090. Kokila Gunawardene	Yes
G 091. Milan Jayathilake	Yes
G 092. Kulasingam Dhileeban	Yes
G 093. Sudarshana Denipitiya	Yes
G 095. Premnath C. Dolawatte	Yes
G 097. Muditha Prishanthi	Yes
G 098. Sudath Manjula	Yes
G 099. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal	Yes
G 101. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka	Yes
G 102. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha	Yes
G 103. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha	Yes
G 104. Rajika Wickramasinghe	Yes
G 105. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana	Yes
G 106. Madhura Withanage	Yes
G 108. Samanpriya Herath	Yes
G 109. Sagara Kariyawasam	Yes
G 110. Yadamini Gunawardena	Yes
G 113. Jayantha Weerasinghe	Yes
G 114. Marjan Faleel	Yes
G 115. Lalith Varna Kumara	Yes
G 116. S. Jagath Samarawickrama	Yes
O 017. A. L. M. Athaullah	Yes
O 018. G. G. Ponnambalam	No
O 033. John Seneviratne	Yes
O 038. Selvarajah Kajendren	No
O 039. Selvam Adaikkalanathan	No
O 058. Govindan Karunakaram	No
O 059. Dharmalingam Sithadthan	No
O 060. S. Noharathalingam	No
O 074. Duminda Dissanayake	Yes
O 077. Sivagnanam Shritharan	No
O 078. M. A. Sumanthiran	No
O 080. S. Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam	No
O 100. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan	No

The following Two (02) Hon. Members of Parliament cast their votes having being asked the names by the Secretary-General under the Standing Order 47(2)(c) of the Parliament as follows:—

Ranjith Siyambalapitiya	Yes
Keheliya Rambukwella	Yes

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out line 14 in page 13 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 01 Operational Activities 7,114,214,000 7,520,730,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,082,410,000 for Head 103, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,123,475,000 for Head 103, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 222

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 204,939,001,000 for Head 222, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,777,000,000 for Head 222, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 223

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 63,841,875,000 for Head 223, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,897,000,000 for Head 223, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 224

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 46,882,300,000 for Head 224, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 19,745,995,000 for Head 224, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 304

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 374,300,000 for Head 304, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 118,800,000 for Head 304, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 320

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 19,540,600,000 for Head 320, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 372,500,000 for Head 320, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 325

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 65,750,000 for Head 325, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 369,500,000 for Head 325, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 334

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,807,550,000 for Head 334, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 55,000,000 for Head 334, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Ministry of Public Security

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out lines 2 and 3 in page 31 and substitute the following:—

“Recurrent 121,496,000,000

Capital 16,772,000,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 189

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out line 6 in page 31 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 01 Operational Activities 12,222,000,000 1,420,000,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 225

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 104,630,000,000 for Head 225, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,750,000,000 for Head 225, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 226

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 8 in page 31:—

“Head 226 - Department of Immigration and Emigration

Programme 01 Operational Activities 2,894,000,000 2,332,000,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 227

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to insert the following just before line 9 in page 31:—

“Head 227— Department of Registration of Persons

Programme 01 Operational Activities 1,750,000,000 1,270,000,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Ministry of Technology

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out lines 2 and 3 in page 30 and substitute the following:—

“Recurrent 5,697,000,000

Capital 1,843,000,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 186

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 199,000,000 for Head 186, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 43,000,000 for Head 186, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out line 7 in page 30 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 5,498,000,000 1,800,000,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

At 7.25 p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Friday, November 25, 2022.

5. Adjournment : And it being past 7.00 p.m. Parliament was at 7.27 p.m. adjourned by the Speaker without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, November 25, 2022 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 19th November 2022.