



(Ninth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 4.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 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. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture

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, Attorney at Law, 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. Prasanna Ranatunga, Minister of Urban Development and Housing and Chief
Government Whip

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

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

Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera, Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. M .U. M. Ali Sabry, PC, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarsinghe, 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. 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. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake, State Minister of Primary Industries
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva, State Minister of Fisheries
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. 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. A. L. M. Athaullah
Hon. Kapila Athukorala
Hon. Sampath Athukorala
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Wajira Abeywardana
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
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. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
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. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva

Hon. Palani Thigambaram
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Uddika Premarathne
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana
Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Samanpriya Herath
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

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 announcements:—

I

“I wish to inform that the following Members have also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Public Finance, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 121 of Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th February 2023:—

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna”

II

“I wish to inform that the following Members have also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Parliamentary Business, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 115 of Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th February 2023:—

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala, Attorney at Law
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran”

III

“I wish to inform this that the names of the Members nominated by the Committee of Selection for the 17 Sectoral Oversight Committees appointed in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 111 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 21st November 2022, will be tabled and published in the Hansard Report in all three languages:—

(1) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Religious Affairs and Co-Existence

Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. M. Udayakumar
Hon. C.V. Wigneswaran

(2) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Reconciliation and National Unity

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga

(3) Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law
Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka
Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa

(4) Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans

Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. Ashok Abeyasinghe
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna

(5) Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations

Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Niroschan Perera
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya

(6) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera

(7) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Alleviating the Impact of the Economic Crisis

Hon. Palani Thigambaram
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Gamini Waleboda

(8) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. M. Udayakumar
Hon. Lalith Ellawala

(9) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security & Agriculture

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
Hon. Kins Nelson

(10) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Sustainable Development

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe

(11) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education

Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath

(12) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Foreign Employment & Labour

Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Ishak Rahuman

(13) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Just and Law – Abiding Society

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala, Attorney at Law
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri

(14) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi

(15) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Children, Women and Gender

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Uddika Premarathne
Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya

(16) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Media, Youth, Heritage and New Citizen

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Imran Maharooof
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan

(17) Sectoral Oversight Committee on An Open & Accountable Government

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
Hon. Rohana Bandara”

IV

“I wish to inform this that the names of the Members nominated by the Committee of Selection for the 29 Ministerial Consultative Committees appointed in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 112 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th February 2023, will be tabled and published in the Hansard Report in all three languages:—

(1) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda

(2) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara

(3) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Technology

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law
Hon. Samanpriya Herath

(4) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake

(5) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Ports, Shipping and Aviation

Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Sivanethurai Santhirakanthan
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Hesha Withanage

(6) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Investment Promotion

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Dhammika Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena

(7) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Public Administration, Home Affairs,
Provincial Councils & Local Government

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana
Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Sudath Manjula

(8) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Fisheries

Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. Marjan Faleel

(9) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education

Hon. Anupa Pasqual
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya

(10) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Transport and Highways

Hon. Dilum Amunugama
Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhana
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara

(11) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Mass Media

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna

(12) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Health

Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda

(13) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. M. Rameshwaran

(14) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha

(15) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Kapila Athukorala
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka

(16) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms

Hon. Sisira Jayakody, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala, Attorney at Law
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law

(17) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Tourism and Lands

Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Kapila Athukorala
Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka

(18) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation Industries

Hon. Palani Thigambaram
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Sampath Athukorala
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. M. Rameshwaran

(19) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industries

Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara

(20) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Urban Development and Housing

Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law

(21) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Foreign Affairs

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegodra
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya

(22) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Samanpriya Herath

(23) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Power and Energy

Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegodra

(24) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Environment

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath

(25) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Sports and Youth Affairs

Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon
 Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
 Hon. Milan Jayathilake
 Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
 Hon. D. Weerasingha

(26) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Irrigation

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
 Hon. Rohana Bandara
 Hon. D. Weerasingha
 Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
 Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama

(27) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour and Foreign Employment

Hon. D. B. Herath
 Hon. John Seneviratne
 Hon. Hector Appuhamy
 Hon. M. Udayakumar
 Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC.

(28) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Public Security

Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
 Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
 Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
 Hon. Akila Ellawala
 Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law

(29) Ministerial Consultative Committee on Trade, Commerce and Food Security

Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka
 Hon. Nimal Lanza
 Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
 Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
 Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku”

V

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated with the Deputy Speaker as the Chair and the Deputy Chairperson of Committees by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Legislative Standing Committee in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 113 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th February 2023:—

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
 Hon. Faizal Cassim
 Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
 Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
 Hon. Imran Maharoof”

VI

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Committee on Standing Orders, with the Speaker as the Chair, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairperson of Committees, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 116 of Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th February 2023:—

Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena”

VII

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the House Committee, with the Speaker as the Chair, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 117(1) and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th February 2023:—

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson”

VIII

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Committee on Ethics and Privileges, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 118(1) of Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th February 2023:—

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya”

IX

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 122 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th February 2023:—

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. Anupa Pasqual
 Hon. Chamal Rajapaksha
 Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Attorney at Law
 Hon. Gamini Lokuge
 Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
 Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
 Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
 Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
 Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
 Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
 Hon. Sampath Athukorala
 Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
 Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardena
 Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
 Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara”

X

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Economic Stabilization, in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 123 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th February 2023:—

Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Attorney at Law
 Hon. Harin Fernando
 Hon. Jeevan Thondaman
 Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
 Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
 Hon. C.B. Rathnayaka
 Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
 Hon. Namal Rajapaksha, Attorney at Law
 Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa
 Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
 Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
 Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
 Hon. Hector Appuhamy
 Hon. Akila Ellawala
 Hon. Waruna Liyanage”

XI

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Ways and Means, in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 124 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th February 2023:—

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Attorney at Law
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Sisira Jayakody, Attorney at Law
Hon. Shashindra Rajapaksha
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law”

XII

“I wish to inform you that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Public Petitions, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 125 (1) of Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th February 2023:—

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Waruna Liyanage”

XIII

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Backbencher Committee, with the Chief Government Whip as the Chair and the Chief Opposition Whip, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 129 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th February 2023:—

Hon. S. Noharathalingam
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. M. Udayakumar
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam”

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

- (i) Second Installment – Part XLV and Ninth Installment – Part XXXVII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2018;
- (ii) Second Installment – Part XLIV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2019;
- (iii) Second Installment – Part XLII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2020; and
- (iv) Second Installment – Part XXVIII, Third Installment – Part XIV and Ninth Installment – Part XXI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2021

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 Speaker presented the Tenth Installment – Part I of the Special Audit Report of the Auditor-General on Evaluation on the Purchase of Electricity from ACE Power Embilipitiya (Pvt) Ltd by the Ceylon Electricity Board in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(3) The Speaker presented the Eleventh Volume – 02 of the Triennial Report of the Auditor-General on Specified Business Enterprises, in terms of Section 14 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018 received by 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 Report do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

(4) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Report 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 Finance Commission in the report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the 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. 2315/46 of 19th January 2023 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Performance Report of the Department of Samurdhi Development for the year 2021; and
- (ii) Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2319/80 of 17th February 2023 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 Report and Papers do lie upon the **Table**.

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

- (i) Annual Report of the National Institute of Fundamental Studies for the year 2019;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Ceylon German Technical Training Institute for the year 2019;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education for the year 2021; and
- (iv) Forty Third Annual Report of the University Grants Commission for the year 2021

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Printing for the year 2015 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Mass Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Highways under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Sections 8, 10, 14, 15, 18, 19A, 30, 37, 42, 139C, 139H, 195 and 231 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2306/02 of 14th November 2022 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Transport and Highways.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Annual Report of the Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital for the year 2020; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Drugs Corporation for the year 2021

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(11) The Minister of Agriculture presented the Annual Report of the Paddy Marketing Board for the year 2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture.

Question put, and agreed to.

(12) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Report 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 Ministry of Justice, Department of Court Administration, Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court, Department of Debt Conciliation Board, Government Analyst's Department, Legal Draftsman's Department, Attorney General's Department, Law Commission of Sri Lanka, Department of Prisons and Department of Community based Corrections in the report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(13) The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries presented the—

- (i) Annual Report of the Gem and Jewellery Research and Training Institute for the year 2021; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the National Crafts Council for the year 2021

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(14) The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries presented the Performance Report of the Rubber Development Department for the year 2021.

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

(15) The Minister of Environment presented the Report 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 Ministry of Environment in the report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(16) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Performance Report of the Food Commissioner's Department for the year 2021.

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

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Transport and Highways presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Regulations made under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with subsections (2) and (3) of Section 158 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2287/28 of 07th July 2022;

- (ii) Annual Report of the State Development & Construction Corporation for the year 2019;
 - (iii) Annual Report of the Road Development Authority for the year 2019;
 - (iv) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Transport Board for the year 2017;
 - (v) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Transport Board for the year 2018;
 - (vi) Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute for the year 2020; and
 - (vii) Annual Report of the National Transport Commission for the year 2020
- which were referred to the Committee.

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

(2) Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation Industries presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Regulations made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under Section 25 read with Section 4 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No. 14 of 1975 and approved by the Minister of Plantation and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2245/29 of 17th September 2021;
- (ii) Regulations made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under Section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No. 14 of 1975 and approved by the Minister of Plantation and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2248/36 of 06th October 2021;
- (iii) Regulations made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under Section 25 read with Sections 4(2) (f) and 8 (1) of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No. 14 of 1975 and approved by the Minister of Plantation and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2248/37 of 06th October 2021;
- (iv) Regulations made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under Section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No. 14 of 1975 and approved by the Minister of Plantation and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2258/14 of 14th December 2021;
- (v) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tea Board for the year 2020;
- (vi) Annual Report of the Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Limited for the year 2019/2020;
- (vii) Annual Reports of the Palmyrah Development Board for the years 2016 and 2017; and
- (viii) Annual Report of the National Institute of Plantation Management for the year 2020

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(3) Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industries presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Regulations made under the Section 527 read with Section 477 of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 and under the Section 19 of the Societies Ordinance No. 16 of 1891 (Chapter 123) read with the Societies (Amendment) Ordinance No. 11 of 2005;

- (ii) Annual Report of the National Crafts Council for the year 2020; and
- (iii) Annual Report of Kahatagaha Graphite Lanka Limited for the years 2017/2018 and 2018/2019

which were referred to the Committee.

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

4. 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, from 21st February 2023, the hours of sittings of Parliament on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during the Fourth Session of the Ninth Parliament shall be from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 5.00 p.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.

5. Committee of Selection : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That in terms of the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09th February 2023 and in addition to the Members approved by Parliament, the following Five (05) Members do also serve in the Committee of Selection during the Fourth Session of the Ninth Parliament:—

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Attorney at Law

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law

Hon. Vijitha Herath

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Regulations under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law (No.1) : The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Regulations made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board and approved by the Minister of Plantation under Section 25 read with Section 4 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No. 14 of 1975 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2245/29 of 17th September 2021, which were presented on 05.01.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Regulations under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law (No.2) : The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Regulations made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board and approved by the Minister of Plantation under Section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No. 14 of 1975 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2248/36 of 06th October 2021, which were presented on 05.01.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Regulations under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law (No.3) : The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Regulations made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board and approved by the Minister of Plantation under Section 25 read with Sections 4(2)(f) and 8(1) of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No. 14 of 1975 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2248/37 of 06th October 2021, which were presented on 05.01.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Regulations under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law (No.4) : The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Regulations made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board and approved by the Minister of Plantation under Section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No. 14 of 1975 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2258/14 of 14th December 2021, which were presented on 05.01.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Regulations under the Companies Act : The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 527 read with Section 477 of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007 and under Section 19 of the Societies Ordinance No. 16 of 1891 (Chapter 123) read with the Societies (Amendment) Ordinance No. 11 of 2005 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2303/07 of 25th October 2022, which were presented on 05.01.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 10.16 a.m. adjourned by the Speaker until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2023.