



(Ninth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 9.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, March 08, 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. Tiran Alles, Minister of Public Security

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

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

Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Attorney at Law, Minister of Wildlife
and Forest Resources Conservation

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. 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.) 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. 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. 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. Ashoka Priyantha, State Minister of Home Affairs
Hon. Shantha Bandara, State Minister of Mass Media
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. 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. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Attorney at Law
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara
Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
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. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula 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. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. S. Noharathalingam
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Dhammika Perera
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. Rohana Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
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. Nipuna Ranawaka
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
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, Attorney at Law
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Education presented the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 with regard to amend the rate of CESS and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2306/15 of 14th November 2022 and moved that the Order be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Education presented the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties (Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/75 of 01st January 2023) and moved that the Resolution be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Education presented the—

- (i) 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 District Secretariats – Polonnaruwa, Batticaloa, Puttalam, Mannar, Kandy, Badulla, Galle, Colombo, Matara and Kegalle in the reports of the Committee on Public Accounts which were presented to Parliament; and
- (ii) 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 Registrar Generals' Department 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.

(4) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Report and Accounts of the Local Loans and Development Fund for the year 2020 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Report & Financial Statements of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University for the year 2021 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Education presented the—

- (i) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 10A of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to surcharge on Customs Duty payable on imported goods and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2308/16 of 30th November 2022; and
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 10A of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to surcharge on Customs Duty payable on imported goods and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2313/35 of 04th January 2023.

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

(7) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Reports of the Skills Development Fund Limited for the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries presented the Annual Report of the Coconut Development Authority for the year 2020 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation Industries.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle, Chair of the Select Committee of Parliament to Look into and Report to Parliament its Recommendations to Ensure Gender Equity and Equality with Special Emphasis on Looking into Gender Based Discriminations and Violations of Women's Rights in Sri Lanka presented the Interim Report of the said Select Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Attorney at Law, Chair of the Sub - Committee of the National Council on Identifying the Priorities in Formulation of Short, Medium & Long Term National Policies presented the Report on the Establishment of the National Policy Commission of the said Sub - Committee.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha presented a petition dated 21.11.2022 from Mrs. G. A. Anoma Kumari of No. 39, Mahenagama, Warakapola.
- (2) Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 04.01.2023 from Mr. R. A. Amilawansha Perera of Galatabendiwewa, Awulegama, Wariyapola; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 12.12.2022 from Mrs. W. M. Anulawathi of Pothuwewa, Wariyapola.

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

4. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Privileges : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law, M.P. on 07th March, 2023 in Parliament to the effect that privileges of Parliament have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Resolution under the Essential Public Services Act : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2321/07 of 27th 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, which was presented on 07.03.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Notification under the Excise Ordinance : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 32 read with Section 25 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Soft Liquor Licenses and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2290/24 of 28th July 2022, which was presented on 20.01.2023, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 05/2022)

(At 11.47 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Women and Child Affairs moved,— That Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.22 p.m. Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff took the Chair.)

The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs moved,— That Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.42 p.m. Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake took the Chair.)

The Minister of Agriculture moved,— That Hon. Imran Maharoof do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.16 p.m. Hon. Imran Maharoof took the Chair.)

(At 5.08 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.1) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That 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, which were presented on 21.02.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.2) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That 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), 6 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2309/40 of 09th December 2022, which were presented on 17.01.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.3) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That 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. 2311/08 of 19th December 2022, which were presented on 17.01.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.4) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That 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. 2311/18 of 21st December 2022, which were presented on 17.01.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.5) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That 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. 2312/77 of 01st January 2023, which were presented on 09.02.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.6) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That 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), 6 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/78 of 01st January 2023, which were presented on 09.02.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Regulations under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Investment Promotion in consultation with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and the Registrar-General of Companies under Section 71 read with Section 41(7) of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2306/54 of 17th November 2022, which were presented on 10.02.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Kelaniya (2020) : The Minister of Education moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Kelaniya for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 31.08.2022 under Section 110 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (2019) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Urban Development and Housing moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 21.09.2022 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Annual Report & Accounts of the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (2018) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Urban Development and Housing moved,— That the Annual Report & Accounts of the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation for the year 2018 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 31.08.2022 under Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute (2018) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media moved,— That the Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute for the year 2018 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 08.11.2021 under Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judge's Institute (2018) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judge's Institute for the year 2018 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 05.12.2022 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

20. Annual Report of the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management (2021) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Annual Report of the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management for the year 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 05.01.2023 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

21. Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Annual Report of the Lanka Sugar Company (Private) Limited for the year 2013 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 24.11.2022 under Section 151(2) of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

22. Annual Report of the Lanka Sugar Company (Private) Limited (2014) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Annual Report of the Lanka Sugar Company (Private) Limited for the year 2014 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 24.11.2022 under Section 151(2) of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

23. Annual Report of the Palmyrah Development Board (2013) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Annual Report of the Palmyrah Development Board for the year 2013 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 19.02.2020 under the Coconut Development Act, No. 46 of 1971 as amended by the Act, No. 24 of 1975, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

24. Annual Report of the Palmyrah Development Board (2014) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Annual Report of the Palmyrah Development Board for the year 2014 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 19.02.2020 under the Coconut Development Act, No. 46 of 1971 as amended by the Act, No. 24 of 1975, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

25. Annual Report of the Palmyrah Development Board (2015) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Annual Report of the Palmyrah Development Board for the year 2015 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 19.02.2020 under the Coconut Development Act, No. 46 of 1971 as amended by the Act, No. 24 of 1975, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

26. Annual Report of the Thurusaviya Fund (2015) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Annual Report of the Thurusaviya Fund for the year 2015 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 22.06.2017 under the Thurusaviya Fund Act, No. 23 of 2000, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

27. Annual Report of the Thurusaviya Fund (2019) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Annual Report of the Thurusaviya Fund for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 08.11.2021 under the Thurusaviya Fund Act, No. 23 of 2000, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

28. Annual Report of the Thurusaviya Fund (2020) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Annual Report of the Thurusaviya Fund for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 15.11.2022 under the Thurusaviya Fund Act, No. 23 of 2000, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

29. Annual Report of the National Institute of Plantation Management (2017) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Annual Report of the National Institute of Plantation Management for the year 2017 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2017 and presented on 19.06.2019 under Section 23 of the National Institute of Plantation Management Act, No. 45 of 1979, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

30. Annual Report of the National Institute of Plantation Management (2019) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Annual Report of the National Institute of Plantation Management for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 04.05.2022 under Section 23 of the National Institute of Plantation Management Act, No. 45 of 1979, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

31. Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation (2017) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation for the year 2017 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2017 and presented on 23.10.2019 under Section 23 of the State Agricultural Corporations Act, No. 11 of 1972, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

32. Annual Report of the Coconut Research Institute (2019) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Annual Report of the Coconut Research Institute for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 11.02.2022 under the Coconut Development Act, No. 46 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

33. Annual Report of the Kurunegala Plantations Limited (2019) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Annual Report of the Kurunegala Plantations Limited for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 08.04.2022 of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

34. Annual Report of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority (2019) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Annual Report of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 08.11.2022 under the Tea Small Holdings Development Act, No. 35 of 1975, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

35. Annual Report of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority (2020) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Annual Report of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 23.11.2022 under the Tea Small Holdings Development Act, No. 35 of 1975, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

36. Annual Report of the Rubber Research Institute of Sri Lanka (2020) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That the Annual Report of the Rubber Research Institute of Sri Lanka for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 08.11.2022 under Section 8(9) of the Rubber Research Ordinance, No. 10 of 1930, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

37. Annual Report of the National Sports Fund (2017) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs and Minister of Irrigation moved,— That the Annual Report of the National Sports Fund for the year 2017 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2017 and presented on 08.10.2019 under Sections 22-27 of the Sports Act, No. 25 of 1973, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

38. Annual Report of the National Sports Fund (2019) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs and Minister of Irrigation moved,— That the Annual Report of the National Sports Fund for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 05.05.2022 under Sections 22-27 of the Sports Act, No. 25 of 1973, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

39. Indira Cancer Trust (Incorporation) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time and referred by the Deputy Speaker to the Legislative Standing Committee under Standing Order 53(3) of the Parliament.

40. Adjournment : And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 5.38 p.m. adjourned by the Deputy Speaker without question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, March 09, 2023.