



(Ninth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 82.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, November 23, 2023 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. Dinesh Gunawardena, Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration,
Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries

Hon. Tiran Alles, Minister of Public Security

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. Douglas Devananda, Minister of Fisheries

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment

Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, Minister of Industries and Minister of Health

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

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Environment

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

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

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera, Minister of Power and Energy

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

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Non Cabinet Minister of State Plantation Enterprises
Reforms and State Minister of Finance

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. Siripala Gamalath, State Minister of Highways

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

Hon. K. Kader Masthan, State Minister of Rural Economy

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

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. 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. Amirthanathan Adaikkalanathan

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah

Hon. Kapila Athukorala
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala, Attorney at Law
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhana
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. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Sanjeeva EDIRIMANNA
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
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. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff, Attorney at Law
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
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. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. W. D. J. Seneviratne, Attorney at Law

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law

Hon. Abdul Haleem

Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath

Hon. Samanpriya Herath

Hon. Marjan Faleel

Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Chaminda Kularathne, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Hansa Abeyrathne, Assistant Secretary-General

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

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Report of the National Building Research Organization for the year 2022 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Non Cabinet Minister of State Plantation Enterprises Reforms and State Minister of Finance presented the Annual Reports of the Elkaduwa Plantations Limited for the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Tiran Alles, the Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Public Security presented the Report of the Committee on Regulations made by the Minister of Public Security under Section 52 read with Section 23 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act, (Chapter 351) on 07th November 2023 which were referred to the Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Sudath Manjula, Member of the Committee on behalf of the Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage, the Chair of the Sectoral oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans presented the Report of Committee on—

- (i) Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standard Monitoring Board for the year 2021;

- (ii) Performance Reports of the Department of Legal Affairs for the year 2022;
- (iii) Performance Report of the Department of Management Audit for the year 2022;
- (iv) Performance Report of the Department of Information Technology Management for the year 2022;
- (v) Performance Report of the Comptroller Generals' Office for the year 2022;
- (vi) Performance Report of the Department of Trade and Investment Policy for the year 2022;
- (vii) Performance Report of the Department of Management Services for the year 2022; and
- (viii) Performance Report of the Department of Government Valuation for the year 2022

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(3) Hon. Sudath Manjula, Member of the Committee on behalf of the Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage, the Chair of the Sectoral oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans presented the Report of Committee on—

- (i) Performance Report of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization & National Policies for the year 2022;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Department of Development Finance for the year 2022;
- (iii) Performance Report of the Department of External Resources for the year 2022;
- (iv) Performance Report of the Department of Import and Export Control for the year 2022;
- (v) Annual Report of the Development Lottery Board for the year 2021;
- (vi) Performance Report of the Ministry of Investment Promotion for the year 2022; and
- (vii) Annual Report of the Board of Investment for the year 2021

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(4) Hon. Sudath Manjula, Member of the Committee on behalf of the Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage, the Chair of the Sectoral oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans presented the Report of Committee on—

- (i) Performance Report of the Department of Public Finance for the year 2022;
- (ii) Performance Reports of the Department of Project Management for the year 2022;
- (iii) Performance Report of the Department of National Planning for the year 2022;

- (iv) Annual Report of the Ceylon Industrial Development Board for the year 2020;
 - (v) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Fund for the year 2020;
 - (vi) Annual Report of the Local Loans and Development Fund for the year 2021; and
 - (vii) Performance Report of the Ministry of Plantation Industries for the year 2022
- which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(5) Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee Education, presented the Report of the Committee on —

- (i) Annual Report of the University of Ruhuna for the year 2021;
- (ii) Annual Report and Accounts of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka for the year 2021;
- (iii) Annual Report of the University of Colombo School of Computing for the year 2021;
- (iv) Annual Report of the National Library and Documentation Services Board for the year 2019;
- (v) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology of University of Kelaniya for the year 2021;
- (vi) Annual Report of the Ceylon German Technical Training Institute for the year 2021;
- (vii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Technical Education and Training for the year 2022;
- (viii) Annual Report of the State Printing Corporation for the year 2019; and
- (ix) Annual Report of the National Institute of Labour Studies for the year 2021

which were referred to the Committee.

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

3. Privileges (No.1) : Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Attorney at Law, seconded by the Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva moved,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matters raised by the Hon. Sajith Premadasa, M.P. on 22nd November, 2023 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges 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.

4. Privileges (No.2) : Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Attorney at Law, seconded by the Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva moved,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matters raised by the Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law, M.P. on 22nd November, 2023 in Parliament to the effect that privileges of Parliament and the Members 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.

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

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 103

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 10.45 a.m. Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

(At 1.02 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 2.22 p.m. Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe took the Chair.)

(At 3.29 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 4.39 p.m. Hon. Samanpriya Herath took the Chair.)

(At 5.43 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sums be agreed to, put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows: Ayes: 76; Noes: 8.

The following Eighty Two (82) Members of Parliament voted by using the electronic voting system under the Standing Order 47(2)(b) of the Parliament, as follows:—

G 005. Prasanna Ranatunga	Yes
G 006. Susil Premajayantha	Yes
G 007. Dinesh Gunawardena	Yes
G 009. Douglas Devananda	Yes
G 010. Bandula Gunawardana	Yes
G 013. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe	Yes
G 017. Vidura Wickramanayaka	Yes
G 018. Kanchana Wijesekera	Yes
G 019. Manusha Nanayakkara	Yes
G 020. Tiran Alles	Yes
G 021. Ajith Rajapakse	Yes

G 022. Nalin Fernando	Yes
G 023. Roshan Ranasinghe	Yes
G 029. Janaka Wakkumbura	Yes
G 030. Shehan Semasinghe	Yes
G 031. Kanaka Herath	Yes
G 032. Thenuka Vidanagamage	Yes
G 033. Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon	Yes
G 035. Rohana Dissanayaka	Yes
G 041. Tharaka Balasuriya	Yes
G 043. Siripala Gamalath	Yes
G 044. Anuradha Jayaratne	Yes
G 046. D.V. Chanaka	Yes
G 047. Sisira Jayakody	Yes
G 048. Piyal Nishantha De Silva	Yes
G 050. D. B. Herath	Yes
G 052. Seetha Arambepola	Yes
G 053. Shantha Bandara	Yes
G 054. K. Kadder Masthan	Yes
G 055. Asoka Priyantha	Yes
G 057. Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe	Yes
G 058. Suren Raghavan	Yes
G 059. Diana Gamage	Yes
G 060. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan	Yes
G 061. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake	Yes
G 063. Johnston Fernando	Yes
G 065. Gamini Lokuge	Yes
G 066. Vajira Abeywardena	Yes
G 068. C. B. Rathnayake	Yes
G 069. S. M. Chandrasena	Yes
G 071. Rohitha Abeygunawardana	Yes
G 073. Sarath Weerasekara	Yes
G 077. Gayashan Nawananda	Yes
G 078. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff	Yes
G 079. Jayantha Ketagoda	Yes
G 081. Thisakutti Arachchi	Yes
G 082. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura	Yes
G 083. Pradeep Undugoda	Yes
G 084. Sanjeeva Edirimanna	Yes
G 086. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi	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 094. Isuru Dodangoda	Yes
G 095. Premanath C. Dolawatte	Yes
G 096. H. Nandasena	Yes
G 098. Sudath Manjula	Yes
G 102. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha	Yes
G 103. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha	Yes
G 105. Rajika Wickramasinghe	Yes
G 106. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana	Yes
G 107. Madhura Withanage	Yes
G 108. D. Weerasingha	Yes
G 109. Samanpriya Herath	Yes
G 110. Sagara Kariyawasam	Yes
G 111. Yadamini Gunawardena	Yes
G 112. Manjula Dissanayake	Yes
G 115. Marjan Faleel	Yes
G 116. Lalith Varna Kumara	Yes
O 017. A. L. M. Athaullah	Yes
O 018. G. G. Ponnambalam	No
O 038. Selvarajah Kajendren	No
O 039. Amirthanathan Adaikkalanathan	No
O 058. Govindan Karunakaram	No
O 059. Dharmalingam Sithadthan	No
O 079. Charles Nirmalanathan	No
O 080. S. Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam	No
O 089. Nimal Lanza	Yes
O 100. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan	No
O 101. S. Jagath Samarawickrama	Yes

The following Two (02) 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:—

Janaka Bandara Thennakoon	Yes
Jayantha Weerasinghe	Yes

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,331,000,000 for Head 103, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,378,000,000 for Head 103, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,710,000,000 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. 11,895,000,000 for Head 103, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

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

Head 222

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 214,214,000,000 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. 4,427,000,000 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. 69,684,000,000 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. 11,657,000,000 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. 50,079,000,000 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. 19,120,000,000 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. 405,000,000 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. 1,475,000,000 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. 18,778,000,000 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. 237,000,000 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. 78,000,000 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. 257,000,000 for Head 325, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 189

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 13,145,500,000 for Head 189, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,837,000,000 for Head 189, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 225

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 110,033,000,000 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. 5,967,000,000. for Head 225, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 226

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,571,500,000 for Head 226, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,436,000,000 for Head 226, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 227

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,653,500,000 for Head 227, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,090,000,000 for Head 227, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

At 6.11 p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Friday, November 24, 2023.

6. Regulations under the Immigrants and Emigrants Act : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Public Security moved,— Regulations under the Immigrants and Emigrants Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Public Security under Section 52 read with Section 23 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act, (Chapter 351) on 07th November 2023, which were presented on 10.11.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Adjournment (Permission to Use Rank for War Heroes Retired Due to Disability): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourned.

Question proposed, and debated.

The State Minister of Defence moved,—That Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.12 p.m. Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

And it being past 6.30 p.m. Parliament was at 6.41 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly, until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, November 24, 2023, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 20th November, 2023