



(Ninth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 95.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, December 08, 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. (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. (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. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Attorney at Law, Minister of Wildlife
and Forest Resources Conservation and Minister of Irrigation

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

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

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. 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. 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. 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. Shantha Bandara, State Minister of Mass Media
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. 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. Sampath Athukorala
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Wajira Abeywardana
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
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. Lalith 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. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson

Hon. S. Noharathalingam
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroschan Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
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. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri

Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana
Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
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. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Samanpriya Herath
Hon. Marjan Faleel
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Deputy Speaker made the following announcement:—

“In terms of Standing Order 113(2) of Parliament, the Hon. Speaker has nominated the following Co-opted Members to serve in the Legislative Standing Committee for the consideration of the ‘Samadhi Meditation and Yoga Centre (Incorporation)’ Bill:-

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
 Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon
 Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
 Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
 Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
 Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
 Hon. Kins Nelson
 Hon. Rohana Bandara”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Reports of the Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka for the years 2019 and 2020 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Education presented Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 19(A) of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) as amended by the Customs (Amendment) Law, No. 35 of 1974 and the Customs (Amendment) Act, No. 83 of 1988 relating to Customs Import Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2356/02 of 30th October 2023.

Order that, the said papers do lie upon the **Table**.

(3) The Minister of Education presented the—

- (i) Orders made by the Minister of Education under Section 27(1)(b) read with Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 with regard to the Degrees awarded by KIU Campus (Private) Limited and Aquinas College of Higher Studies and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2348/36 of 07th September 2023;
- (ii) Orders made by the Minister of Education under Section 27(1)(b) read with Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 with regard to the Degrees awarded by CINEC Campus (Private) Limited, SLT Campus (Private) Limited, Horizon College of Business and Technology (Private) Limited, SANASA Campus Limited and National School of Business Management Limited (NSBM) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2348/37 of 07th September 2023;
- (iii) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 27(1)(b) read with Sections 25A and 70C of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 with regard to the Benedict XVI Catholic Institute of Higher Education (Private) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2349/22 of 13th September 2023;
- (iv) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 27(1)(b) read with Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 with regard to the Degree awarded by KIU Campus (Private) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2353/17 of 09th October 2023;

- (v) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 27(1)(b) read with Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 with regard to the Degree awarded by Institute of Surveying and Mapping and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2354/16 of 18th October 2023;
- (vi) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 27(1)(b) read with Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 with regard to the Degree awarded by Benedict XVI Catholic International Institute of Higher Education and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2354/17 of 18th October 2023;
- (vii) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 27(1)(b) read with Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 with regard to the Degree awarded by Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (ICASL) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2355/29 of 25th October 2023;
- (viii) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 with regard to the Degree awarded by Gateway College (Private) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2356/30 of 03rd November 2023; and
- (ix) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 27(1)(b) read with Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 with regard to the Degree awarded by National School of Business Management Limited (NSBM) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2356/32 of 03rd November 2023.

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

(4) The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation presented the Annual Report of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2022 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport.

Question put and, agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Reports of the Sri Lanka Energies (Pvt) Ltd for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport.

Question put and, agreed to.

3. Presentation of Committee Reports : (1) Hon. Tissa Attanayake, Member of the Committee on Public Accounts, on behalf of the Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Chair of the said Committee, presented the Third Report of the Committee on Public Accounts for the Fourth Session of the Ninth Parliament prepared based on the inquiries of the Sub Committee of the Committee on Public Accounts to investigate the Issues on medical supplies and related matters of the Ministry of Health.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Anura Dissanayaka presented a petition dated 24.08.2023 from Mr. W. P. Sunil Jayarathna of 'Dewmini', Illukketiya, Wanchawala.
- (2) Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 04.11.2023 from Mr. A. D. Pradeep Niroshan of Bakinigaha Owita, Welihinda, Denipitiya;
 - (ii) a petition dated 05.12.2023 from Mr. Chandana Arunadewa of No 67/2A, Alexandra Road, Kanuwana, Ja Ela;
 - (iii) a petition dated 03.11.2023 from Mrs. H. A. P. Dinusha Sumali Dharmasena of No. 43/1A, Near Divisional Health Center, Dhanyagama, China Bay Harbour;
 - (iv) a petition dated 06.11.2023 from Mr. Nihal Samarasingha of No. 55, Maliga Thenna, Nawimana, Matara; and
 - (v) a petition dated 20.09.2023 from Mr. P. M. Dayarathna of 'Sampath', Kirineliya, Urugamuwa.
- (3) Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake presented a petition dated 30.09.2023 from Mr. M. A. Wimalasena of 'Sena Prabath', No. 268, Kandekumbura, Galagedara.
- (4) Hon. Kapila Athukorala presented a petition dated 08.08.2023 from Ms. H. A. Ramani of No. 07/110, 06th Lane, Light Road, Kanthale.
- (5) Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe presented a petition dated 16.08.2023 from Mrs. K. V. S. V. Karavita of No. F 26/3, Wagolla Road, Bulathhokupitiya..

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

5. Leave to withdraw a Bill : Hon. Tissa Attanayake moved,— Leave to withdraw a Bill,— That leave be granted to withdraw the following Bill appears as Item No. 56 of today's Order Paper of Parliament:-

“Human Rights Organization (Incorporation) Bill”

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Appropriation Bill — (Twenty Second Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Head 176

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Tissa Attanayake proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 12.25 p.m. Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

(At 1.33 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

(At 3.13 p.m. Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

(At 4.04 pm. Hon. Samanpriya Herath took the Chair.)

(At 5.45 p.m. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Aviation

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out line 9 in page 30 and substitute the following:—

“Capital 7,678,000,000”

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.

Question that the sum of Rs. 410,000,000 for Head 176, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 22,000,000 for Head 176, 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 13 in page 30 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 850,000,000 7,634,000,000”

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 336

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 137,000,000 for Head 336, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 22,000,000 for Head 336, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Ministry of Mass Media

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out line 15 in page 17 and substitute the following:—

“Capital 2,650,000,000”

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 105**Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)**

Question that the sum of Rs. 412,900,000 for Head 105, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 66,500,000 for Head 105, 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 19 in page 14 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 216,000,000 356,000,000”

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 210**Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)**

Question that the sum of Rs. 348,000,000 for Head 210, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 181,300,000 for Head 210, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 211**Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)**

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,496,000,000 for Head 211, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 556,000,000 for Head 211, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 308**Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)**

Question that the sum of Rs. 18,527,100,000 for Head 308, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,490,200,000 for Head 308, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

At 6.12 p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Saturday, December 09, 2023.

7. Annual Report of the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited (2022): The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,— That the Annual Report of the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited for the year 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 09.08.2023 under Section 153 of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Annual Report of the Selacine Television Institute (2020): The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media,— That the Annual Report of the Selacine Television Institute for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 09.02.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Annual Report of the Selacine Television Institute (2019): 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 Selacine Television Institute for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 05.01.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Sri Lanka Press Council (2020): The Minister of Education on behalf of the The Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media moved,— That the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Sri Lanka Press Council for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 09.02.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Annual Report of the Independent Television Network Ltd (2021): 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 Independent Television Network Ltd for the year 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 09.02.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Printing (2015): 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 Sri Lanka Institute of Printing for the year 2015 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 21.02.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (2019): 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 Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 07.09.2022 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Annual Report of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (2020): 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 Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 03.10.2022 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (2019): 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 Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 10.11.2022 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Foundation (2021): 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 Sri Lanka Foundation for the year 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 06.07.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Annual Report of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (2021): 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 Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited for the year 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 21.07.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (2020): 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 Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 09.08.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (2020): 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 Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 04.04.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

20. Annual Report of the National Film Corporation of Sri Lanka (2015): 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 Film Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2015 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 25.04.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

21. Annual Report of the National Film Corporation of Sri Lanka (2016): 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 Film Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2016 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 25.04.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

22. Annual Report of the National Film Corporation of Sri Lanka (2017): 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 Film Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2017 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year

ended 31.12.2017 and presented on 25.04.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

23. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Printing (2016):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 Sri Lanka Institute of Printing for the year 2016 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 25.04.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

24. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Printing (2017):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 Sri Lanka Institute of Printing for the year 2017 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2017 and presented on 25.04.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

25. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Printing (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 Sri Lanka Institute of Printing for the year 2018 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 25.04.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

26. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Printing (2019):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 Sri Lanka Institute of Printing for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 25.04.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

27. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Printing (2020): 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 Sri Lanka Institute of Printing for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 25.04.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

28. Adjournment (Agriculture Modernization Programme for a High Yield): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourned.

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being past 6.30 p.m. Parliament was at 6.37 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 Saturday, December 09, 2023, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 20th November, 2023.