



(Ninth Parliament - Fifth Session)

No. 23.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, May 13, 2024 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. Jeevan Thondaman, Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure
Development

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. Harin Fernando, Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and
Youth Affairs

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

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 and Minister of Irrigation

Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera, Minister of Power and Energy

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. Siripala Gamalath, State Minister of Highways

Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan, State Minister of Rural Road Development

Hon. D. V. Chanaka, State Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. Sisira Jayakody, Attorney at Law, State Minister of Indigenous Medicine

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, State Minister of Justice and Prison Affairs

Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon, State Minister of Defence

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. 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. 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 and Mahaweli Development

Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan, State Minister of Higher Education

Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa, State Minister of Irrigation and Water Supply

Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura, State Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Environment

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. D. B. Herath, State Minister of Livestock Development

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah

Hon. Kapila Athukorala

Hon. Sampath Athukorala
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhana
Hon. Wajira Abeywardana
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Lalith Ellawala
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Attorney at Law
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda, Attorney at Law
Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara
Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda
Hon. Weerasena Gamage
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva

Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Niroschan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Jagath Priyankara
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. S. C. Muthukumarana
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff, Attorney at Law
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Mujibur 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. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. C.V. Wigneswaran
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana
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. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. W. D. J. Seneviratne, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Jayarathna 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 Speaker took the Chair.

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

“I wish to inform that the following Members have also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 112 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09 February 2024:—

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah

Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal

Hon. M. Rameshwaran”

2. Presentation of Papers: The Minister of Power and Energy presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Power and Energy under Section 48 read with Sections 4(a) and 16(4) of the Petroleum Resources Act, No. 21 of 2021 and under Section 48 read with Section 13(3) of the Petroleum Resources Act, No. 21 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2374/17 of 05th March 2024 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Power and Energy.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees: The Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, the Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on the —

- (i) Resolutions under the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022;
- (ii) Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011;
- (iii) Order under the Revenue Protection Act, No. 19 of 1962;
- (iv) Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979;
- (v) Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017;
- (vi) Regulation under the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017;
- (vii) Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act No. 1 of 1969; and
- (viii) Orders Under the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe presented a petition dated 16.01.2024 from Mr. R. Shantha Dissanayake of Nabadagasdigiliya, Dunumadalawa.

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

5. Civil Procedure Code (Amendment): The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— Bill to amend the Civil Procedure Code (Chapter 101).

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, June 04, 2024, be printed and be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Just and Law-Abiding Society.

6. Business of the Parliament: The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 19 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.

7. Regulations under 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. 2373/28 of 28th February 2024, which were presented on 01.04.2024, be approved.

(At 10.57 a.m. Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair)

The Minister of Industries and Minister of Health moved,— That Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna do take the Chair

Question put and agreed to.

(At 2.16 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna took the Chair.)

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, seconded by Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala moved,— That Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda, Attorney at Law do take the Chair

Question put and agreed to.

(At 3.10 p.m. Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Power and Energy moved,— That Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe do take the Chair

Question put and agreed to.

(At 4.12 p.m. Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Finance moved,— That Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama do take the Chair

Question put and agreed to.

(At 4.43 p.m. Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama took the Chair.)

(At 4.52 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

8. 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) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2376/14 of 19th March 2024, which were presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Notification under 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(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding Business Hours for Liquor Licensed Establishments, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2361/44 of 08th December 2023, which was presented on 02.04.2024, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 03/2023)

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Regulations under Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka 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 Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 182(2)(a) of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 19 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2366/34 of 12th January 2024, which were presented on 02.04.2024, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Order under Finance 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 Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2(1) of the Finance Act, No. 25 of 2003 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2369/27 of 01st February 2024, which was presented on 02.04.2024, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Order under Finance 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 Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2(1) of the Finance Act, No. 25 of 2003 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2374/19 of 06th March 2024, which was presented on 02.04.2024, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Regulations under Foreign Exchange 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 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2371/33 of 15th February 2024, which were presented on 02.04.2024, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Regulations under the Foreign Exchange 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 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2371/48 of 16th February 2024, which were presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Regulations under the Foreign Exchange 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 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2371/49 of 16th February 2024, which were presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Regulations under the Foreign Exchange 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 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2371/50 of 16th February 2024, which were presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 1): The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022 and specified in the Order No. 27 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER

Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022

Order No. 27 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022, I, Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 21302 “Printing & Publicity and Sales of Publications Advance Account - Department of Educational Publications” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Revision</u>		
(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	30,000,000,000
	To	Rs.	14,100,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iv) Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	1,600,000,000
	To	Rs.	10,000,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2023)

Ranil Wickremesinghe,
Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization
and National Policies

05.04.2024
Colombo 01.

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 2): The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022 and specified in the Order No. 28 hereto, be approved :—

ORDER
Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022
Order No. 28 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022, I, Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 22302 “Stores Advance Account (Explosive items) - Sri Lanka Navy” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>			<u>Revision</u>
(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	6,400,000,000
	To	Rs.	2,370,000,000
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	8,320,000,000
	To	Rs.	2,485,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	2,120,000,000
	To	Rs.	115,000,000
(iv) Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2023)

Ranil Wickremesinghe,
Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization
and National Policies

05.04.2024
Colombo 01.

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 3): The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022 and specified in the Order No. 29 hereto, be approved :—

ORDER
Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022
Order No. 29 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022, I, Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 23202 “Prisons Industrial and Agricultural Undertakings Advance Account - Department of Prisons” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>			<u>Revision</u>
(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	110,000,000
	To	Rs.	140,000,000
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	120,000,000
	To	Rs.	150,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iv) Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2023)

Ranil Wickremesinghe,
Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization
and National Policies

05.04.2024
Colombo 01.

Question put, and agreed to.

20. Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 4): The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022 and specified in the Order No. 30 hereto, be approved :—

ORDER

Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022 Order No. 30 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022, I, Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 28502 “Maintenance of Agricultural Farms and Seed Sales Advance Account - Department of Agriculture” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>			<u>Revision</u>
(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	700,000,000
	To	Rs.	950,000,000

(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	700,000,000
		To	Rs.	950,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2023)

Ranil Wickremesinghe,
Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization
and National Policies

05.04.2024

Colombo 01.

Question put, and agreed to.

21. Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 5): The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022 and specified in the Order No. 31 hereto, be approved :—

ORDER

Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022

Order No. 31 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022, I, Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 31002 “Stores Advance Account - Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>			<u>Revision</u>
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 120,000,000
		To	Rs. 160,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised

(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	40,000,000
		To	Rs.	70,000,000
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2023)

Ranil Wickremesinghe,
Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization
and National Policies

05.04.2024
Colombo 01.

Question put, and agreed to.

22. Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 6): The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Orders made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act. No. 43 of 2022 and specified in the Schedule hereto be approved:—

(These Orders are valid up to 31.12.2023)

Schedule

(As per the schedule attached)

SCHEDULE**Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022 Order under Section 8**

Schedule of variation of limits of Advance Accounts pertaining to Advances to public officers authorized by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022 in respect of Finance year 2023.

Group Order No. 01

By virtue of the powers vested in me under Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No.43 of 2022, I Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government do by this order alter/vary the maximum limits specified in Column II and IV of the Third Schedule to the Appropriation Act No.43 of 2022, and the minimum limits specified in Column III of that Schedule being the limits corresponding to item nos. 00201, 02101, 11101, 11201, 11901, 12301, 16601, 17601, 18701, 20201, 20801, 22401, 22501, 23201, 23701, 24401, 25601, 28401, 29701, 30201, 30401, 30601, 31001, 32401, 32901 and 33701 relating to Advances to public officers in the manner set out in the schedule hereto.

Sr. No.	Ministry/Department	Item No.	II Maximum Limits of Expenditure of Activities of the Government (Rs)		III Minimum Limits of Receipts to be credited to the Accounts of Activities of the Government (Rs)		IV Maximum Limits of Debit Balance of Activities of the Government (Rs)		Order No.
			From	To	From	To	From	To	
1	Office of the Prime Minister	00201	-	-	12,000,000	9,000,000	-	-	1
2	National Audit Office	02101	-	-	70,000,000	63,000,000	-	-	2
3	Minister of Health	11101	-	-	1,330,000,000	1,100,000,000	-	-	3
4	Minister of Foreign Affairs	11201	-	-	40,000,000	35,000,000	-	-	4

5	Minister of Power & Energy	11901	-	-	7,200,000	6,800,000	-	-	5
6	Minister of Urban Development and Housing	12301	-	-	27,500,000	20,740,000	-	-	6
7	Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development	16601	-	-	-	-	40,000,000	50,000,000	7
8	Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation	17601	-	-	4,800,000	4,200,000	-	-	8
9	Minister of Investment Promotion	18701	-	-	-	-	12,000,000	13,500,000	9
10	Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs	20201	-	-	2,800,000	2,000,000	-	-	10
11	Department of National Museums	20801	-	-	10,000,000	9,700,000	-	-	11
12	Sri Lanka Air Force	22401	-	-	310,000,000	245,000,000	-	-	12
13	Department of Police	22501	2,400,000,000	1,200,000,000	2,400,000,000	800,000,000	-	-	13
14	Department of Prisons	23201	-	-	130,000,000	105,000,000	-	-	14
15	Department of National Planning	23701	-	-	4,500,000	4,000,000	-	-	15
16	Department of Trade and Investment Policies	24401	-	-	3,000,000	2,300,000	-	-	16
17	District Secretariat, Gampaha	25601	-	-	-	-	260,000,000	330,000,000	17
18	Department of Wildlife Conservation	28401	50,000,000	50,193,000	-	-	-	-	18

19	Department of The Registrar of Companies	29701	-	-	6,000,000	4,500,000	-	-	19
20	Co-operative Employees Commission	30201	-	-	800,000	600,000	-	-	20
21	Department of Meteorology	30401	-	-	8,600,000	7,500,000	-	-	21
22	Department of Sri Lanka Railways	30601	-	-	450,000,000	420,000,000	-	-	22
23	Department of Government Factories	31001	-	-	17,000,000	14,000,000	-	-	23
24	Department of Management Auditing	32401	-	-	2,500,000	1,900,000	-	-	24
25	Department of Information Technology Management	32901	-	-	1,900,000	1,700,000	-	-	25
26	Department of Cinnamon Industry Development	33701	-	-	100,000	-	-	-	26

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M. No. 23

Ranil Wickremesinghe,
Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization
and National Policies

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Question put, and agreed to.

23. Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development 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 Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to CESS Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2365/50 of 04th January 2024, which was presented on 25.04.2024, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

24. Resolution under the Customs 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 Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 25.04.2024, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2365/51 of 04th January 2024)

Question put, and agreed to.

25. 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. 2379/03 of 08th April 2024, which were presented on 07.05.2024, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

26. Annual Report of the Jaya Container Terminals Limited (2022): The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,— That the Annual Report of the Jaya Container Terminals Limited –2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 07.11.2023 under Section 153 of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

27. Pavithra Wanniarachchi Sahurda Foundation (Incorporation) Bill: Order for consideration read.

Bill, as amended in the Legislative Standing Committee Considered.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the amendments made by the Legislative Standing Committee be agreed to.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the Bill as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

28. International Institute of Theravadha (Incorporation) Bill: Order for consideration read.

Bill, as amended in the Legislative Standing Committee Considered.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the amendments made by the Legislative Standing Committee be agreed to.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the Bill as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

29. Saweera Foundation (Incorporation) Bill: Order for consideration read.

Bill, as amended in the Legislative Standing Committee Considered.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the amendments made by the Legislative Standing Committee be agreed to.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the Bill as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

30. Kelaniya Buddhist Women's Charitable Society (Incorporation) Bill: Order for consideration read.

Bill, as amended in the Legislative Standing Committee Considered.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the amendments made by the Legislative Standing Committee be agreed to.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the Bill as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

31. Adjournment (Absorption of Civil Defence Force Officers Serving as Temporary Teachers in Eastern Province to Teachers' Service): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourned.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 5.15 p.m. adjourned by the Speaker until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on May 09, 2024.