



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 1.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. (Dr.) Asoka Sapumal Ranwala, Speaker

Hon. (Dr.) Rizvie Salih, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

Hon. (Mrs.) Hemali Weerasekara, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Honourable Anura Kumara Dissanayake, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Hon. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education

Hon. A.H.M.H. Abayarathna, Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Chrishantha Abeysena, Minister of Science and Technology

Hon. Anura Karunathilaka, Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing

Hon. K.D. Lal Kantha, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation

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Hon. Ramalingam Chandrasekar, Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Hon. Kumara Jayakody, Minister of Energy

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Hon. (Prof.) Anil Jayantha, Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Economic Development

Hon. Harshana Nanayakkara, Minister of Justice and National Integration

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Hon. Bimal Rathnayake, Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation and Leader of the House of Parliament

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Hon. Ruwan Wijeweera
Hon. Darmapriya Wijesinghe

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Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri

Hon. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana

Hon. Jagath Vithana

Hon. Hesha Withanage

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi

Hon. Athula Welandagoda

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan

Hon. Gnanamuththu Srinshan

Hon. Fasmin Sharif

Hon. Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam

Hon. Dinindu Saman

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Hon. (Dr.) Elayathamby Srinath

Hon. Shantha Pathma Kumara Subasingha

Hon. Dewananda Suraweera

Hon. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi

Hon. Major General G.D. Sooriyabandara

Hon. Aravinda Senarath

Hon. Kitnan Selvaraj

Hon. (Dr.) Janaka Senarathna

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law

Hon. Kabir Hashim

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah

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Hon. Champika Hettiarachchi

Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra

Hon. Dinesh Hemantha

Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Herath

Hon. Bhagya Sri Herath

Hon. Muhammad Faizal

Hon. Riyas Farook

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Secretary-General of Parliament

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

Mr. Hansa Abeyrathne, Assistant Secretary-General

1. Parliament met pursuant to the Proclamations of the President; The Mace was laid below the Table.

2. The Secretary - General of Parliament read the following Proclamations of the President by which the meeting was summoned :—

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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Proclamations & C., by the President

My No. : PS/CSA/00/07/17/01

PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA



ANURA KUMARA DISSANAYAKE

KNOW YE that by virtue of the powers vested in me by Article 70 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and in pursuance of the provisions of Section 10 of the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981 I, Anura Kumara Disanayake, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, do by this proclamation -

- Dissolve Parliament, with effect from midnight today and summon the new Parliament to meet on the Twenty First day of November, Two Thousand and Twenty Four;
- Fix Fourteenth day of November Two Thousand and Twenty Four as the date for election of the Members of Parliament.
- Specify the period beginning on the Fourth day of October, Two Thousand and Twenty Four and ending at Twelve Noon of the Eleventh day of October, Two Thousand and Twenty Four as the nomination period, during which nomination papers shall be received by the Returning Officers; and



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- (d) Specify each place mentioned in Column II of the Schedule hereto as the place of nomination for candidates seeking election in the electoral district mentioned in the corresponding entry in Column I of that Schedule.

Given at Colombo on this Twenty Fourth day of September, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty Four

By Order of the Honourable President,

Dr. N. S. KUMANAYAKE,
Secretary to the President.

Schedule

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>
<i>Electoral District</i>	<i>Place of Nomination</i>
No. 01 – Colombo	District Secretariat, Colombo
No. 02 – Gampaha	District Secretariat, Gampaha
No. 03 – Kalutara	District Secretariat, Kalutara
No. 04 – Kandy	District Secretariat, Kandy
No. 05 – Matale	District Secretariat, Matale
No. 06 – Nuwara Eliya	District Secretariat, Nuwara Eliya
No. 07 – Galle	District Secretariat, Galle
No. 08 – Matara	District Secretariat, Matara
No. 09 – Hambantota	District Secretariat, Hambantota
No. 10 – Jaffna	District Secretariat, Jaffna
No. 11 – Vanni	District Secretariat, Vavuniya
No. 12 – Batticaloa	District Secretariat, Batticaloa
No. 13 – Digamadulla	District Secretariat, Ampara
No. 14 – Trincomalee	District Secretariat, Trincomalee
No. 15 – Kurunegala	District Secretariat, Kurunegala
No. 16 – Puttalam	District Secretariat, Puttalam
No. 17 – Anuradhapura	District Secretariat, Anuradhapura
No. 18 – Polonnaruwa	District Secretariat, Polonnaruwa
No. 19 – Badulla	District Secretariat, Badulla
No. 20 – Moneragala	District Secretariat, Moneragala
No. 21 – Ratnapura	District Secretariat, Ratnapura
No. 22 – Kegalle	District Secretariat, Kegalle

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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Proclamations & C., by the President

**PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**



ANURA KUMARA DISSANAYAKE

KNOW YE that by virtue of the powers vested in me by Article 70 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I, Anura Kumara Disanayake, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, do by this Proclamation, summon Parliament to meet at the Chamber of Parliament, Sri Jayawardanapura, on the Twenty First day of November, Two Thousand and Twenty Four, at 10.00 a.m.

Given at Colombo on this 12th day of November, Two Thousand and Twenty Four.

By order of the Hon. President,

Dr. N. S. KUMANAYAKE
Secretary to the President.

President Secretariat,
Colombo 01.
November 12th, 2024.

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3. Election of a Speaker : Hon. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Prime Minister addressing herself to the Secretary - General of Parliament (stood up from her seat, pointed to her and then sat down) proposed that Hon. (Dr.) Asoka Sapumal Ranwala (Member of Parliament for the Gampaha Electoral District) be the Speaker of Parliament and do take the Chair and the motion was seconded by Hon. Vijitha Herath.

No other name being proposed, the Secretary-General of Parliament declared that Hon. (Dr.) Asoka Sapumal Ranwala was duly elected as the Speaker.

Hon. (Dr.) Asoka Sapumal Ranwala, being escorted to the Chair from his seat by Hon. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya and Hon. Vijitha Herath, stood on the upper step and expressed his sincerest acknowledgment to Parliament for the great honour which Parliament had been pleased to confer upon him.

Then the Mace, which was laid below the **Table**, was placed upon the **Table**.

4. Official Oath or Affirmation : The Speaker informed the House that their first duty was to take the Oath or make the Affirmation and sign the Members' Roll required by Law.

First, the Speaker alone being stood up on the upper step of the stairs to the Chair, made the affirmation and signed the Members' Roll.

The following Members took the Oath or made the Affirmation required by law and signed the Members' Roll:—

Hon. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education

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Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Athula Welandagoda
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuththu Srineshan
Hon. Fasmin Sharif
Hon. Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam
Hon. Dinindu Saman
Hon. Thilina Samarakoon
Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera
Hon. (Ms.) Ambika Samivel
Hon. (Dr.) Rizvie Salih
Hon. (Dr.) Elayathamby Srinath
Hon. Shantha Pathma Kumara Subasingha
Hon. Dewananda Suraweera
Hon. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi
Hon. Major General G.D. Sooriyabandara
Hon. Aravinda Senarath

Hon. Kitnan Selvaraj
Hon. (Dr.) Janaka Senarathna
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah
Hon. Chandima Hettiaratchi
Hon. Champika Hettiarachchi
Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra
Hon. Dinesh Hemantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Herath
Hon. Bhagya Sri Herath
Hon. Muhammad Faizal
Hon. Riyas Farook

Congratulatory speeches on the appointment of the Speaker were delivered by the Hon. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Prime Minister, Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law .

A reply speech was delivered by the Speaker.

5. Election of the Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees:

Hon. (Mrs.) Saroja Savithri Paulraj seconded by Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa proposed the name of Hon. (Dr.) Rizvie Salih (Member of Parliament for the Colombo Electoral District) for the election as the Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees.

No other name being proposed, the Speaker declared that Hon. (Dr.) Rizvie Salih was duly elected as the Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees.

6. Election of the Deputy Chairperson of Committees:

Hon. (Mrs.) Samanmali Gunasingha seconded by Hon. Sunil Handunnetti proposed the name of Hon. (Mrs.) Hemali Weerasekara (Member of Parliament for Gampaha Electoral District) for the election as the Deputy Chairperson of Committees.

No other name being proposed, the Speaker declared that Hon. (Mrs.) Hemali Weerasekara was duly elected as the Deputy Chairperson of Committees.

7. Messages from the President : The Speaker read the following message from the President :—



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President of Sri Lanka

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President of Sri Lanka

My No. PS/CSA/00/7/IX/3/01

October 25, 2024

Hon. Speaker
Parliament of Sri Lanka

The Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40)

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 12 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), I have issued an order to the effect that all members of the Armed Forces specified in the First Schedule are summoned for the maintenance of Public Order in the areas specified in Second Schedule thereof taking into consideration the need for the Public Order to be maintained.

Accordingly, I hereby inform the Parliament of the said Order in terms of Section 2(3) of the aforesaid Ordinance read with Section 21(2) thereof.


Anura Kumara Dissanayake
President

Copy : Secretary General of Parliament - For necessary actions

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8. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker read the following announcements:—

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“I wish to inform that the Hon. Bimal Rathnayaka, M.P., as the Leader of the House of Parliament and the Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa, M.P., as the Chief Government Whip have been appointed for the Tenth Parliament.”

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“I wish to inform this House that the Hon. Sajith Premadasa, M.P. has been recognized by me as the Leader of the Opposition in the Tenth Parliament.”

Suspension of Sitting

At 10.32 a.m.

The Sitting was suspended by the Speaker until the address to Parliament by the Honourable President at 11.30 a.m.

At 11.30 a.m.

9. Parliament re-assembled.

10. The Honourable President addressed Parliament in terms of Articles 32(4) and 33 of the Constitution.

11. Sittings of the Parliament: The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 03rd, 2024.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 12.25 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 03, 2024 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.