



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 223.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, November 27, 2017 at 9.30 a. m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

**Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala**, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

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**Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe**, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

**Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale**, Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice

**Hon. Wajira Abeywardana**, Minister of Home Affairs

**Hon. John Amaratunga**, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

**Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera**, Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development

**Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka**, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and the Chief Government Whip

**Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam**, Minister of Education

**Hon. Lakshman Kiriella**, Minister of Higher Education and Highways and Leader of the House of Parliament

**Hon. Mano Ganesan**, Minister of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official Languages

**Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva**, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

**Hon. Palany Thigambaram**, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development

**Hon. S. B. Dissanayake**, Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage

**Hon. S. B. Nawinne**, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

**Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera**, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana

- Hon. A. D. Susil Premajyantha**, Minister of Science, Technology and Research
- Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara**, Minister of Women and Child Affairs
- Hon. Faiszer Musthapha**, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government
- Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka**, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development
- Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga**, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development
- Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- Hon. Malik Samarawickrama**, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade
- Hon. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister of Finance and Mass Media
- Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, Minister of Ports and Shipping
- Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne**, Minister of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamu Development
- Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa**, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management
- Hon. D. M. Swaminathan**, Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs
- Hon. Rauff Hakeem**, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
- Hon. Abdul Haleem**, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs
- Hon. Kabir Hashim**, Minister of Public Enterprise Development
- Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka**, Minister of Regional Development
- Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**, State Minister of Public Enterprise Development
- Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture
- Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**, State Minister of Lands
- Hon. Mohan Lal Grero**, State Minister of Higher Education
- Hon. Niroschan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
- Hon. Palitha Range Bandara**, State Minister of Irrigation
- Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran**, State Minister of Child Affairs
- Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance
- Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene**, State Minister of Defence
- Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development
- Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera**, State Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations

**Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe**, State Minister of International Trade

**Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne**, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research

**Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie**, State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

**Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

**Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**, Deputy Minister of Finance and Mass Media

**Hon. Dunesh Gankanda**, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

**Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena**, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development and  
Wildlife

**Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva**, Deputy Minister of National Policies and Economic  
Affairs

**Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment

**Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana**, Deputy Minister of Skills Development and  
Vocational Training

**Hon. Ajith P. Perera**, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

**Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake**, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and  
Kandyan Heritage

**Hon. Nimal Lanza**, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

**Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen**, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

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**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**

**Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana**

**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**

**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**

**Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**

**Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**

**Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**

**Hon. Ravi Karunanayake**

**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**

**Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri**

**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**

**Hon. Piyasena Gamage**

**Hon. Siripala Gamalath**

**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**

**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**

**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardana**

**Hon. Bandula Gunawardane**

**Hon. Edward Gunasekara**  
**Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**  
**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**  
**Hon. Malith Jayathilake**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa**  
**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**  
**Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne**  
**Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana**  
**Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**  
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**Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon**  
**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Sirinal de Mel**  
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**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Mohamed Navavi**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra**  
**Hon. S. Premarathna**  
**Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. Imran Maharroof**  
**Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana**  
**Hon. Bimal Rathnayake**  
**Hon. C. B. Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**

**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. A. A. Wijethunga**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**  
**Hon. Sunil Handunnetti**  
**Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi**

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

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

**1. Petitions :** Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale presented a petition dated 25.07.2017 from Mr. K.D. Lal of Lahiru Mawatha, Pahala Bopitiya, Pelmadulla.

The Petition stood referred under Standing Order No. 25A of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

**2. Privileges (No.1) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, M.P. on 07<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order No. 127 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

**3. Privileges (No.2) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Ajith P. Perera, M.P. on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order No. 127 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

**4. Appropriation Bill (2018) — (Fifteenth Allotted Day) :** Considered further in the Committee.

*(In the Committee)*

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 120

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. (Mrs.) Shnathi Sriskandarasa proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.04 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 11.32 a.m. Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

(At 2.29 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

(At 5.10 p.m. Hon. Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

(At 5.55 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 6.09 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 584,305,000 for Head 120, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 69,500,000 for Head 120, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 551,598,000 for Head 120, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,454,160,000 for Head 120, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 217

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 37,000,000 for Head 217, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 890,000 for Head 217, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 233,340,000 for Head 217, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 78,450,000 for Head 217, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 124

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 741,387,000 for Head 124, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 87,320,000 for Head 124, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 200,031,000 for Head 124, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 640,080,000 for Head 124, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 216

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 41,980,000 for Head 216, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,400,000 for Head 216, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 511,480,000 for Head 216, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 150,800,000 for Head 216, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 331

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 367,700,000 for Head 331, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 12,200,000 for Head 331, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 13,796,000,000 for Head 331, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,026,200,000 for Head 331, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 182

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 73,180,000 for Head 182, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,400,000 for Head 182, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 559,850,000 for Head 182, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 45,625,000 for Head 182, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Whereupon the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms proposed that the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question put, and agreed to.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Tuesday, November 28, 2017.

**5. Annual Report and Accounts of National Child Protection Authority - 2013:**

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Women and Child Affairs moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of National Child Protection Authority together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 07.06.2016 under Section 32 of National Child Protection Authority Act, No. 50 of 1996 and Section 14(2) (e) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**6. Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment - 2013:** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 08.06.2016 under Section 19 of Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment Act, No. 21 of 1985, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**7. Adjournment (Prevention of Destruction caused by Animals in many villages in Kandy District) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question Proposed and debated.

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,— That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.57 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.34 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.