



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 227.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, December 04, 2017 at 9.30 a. m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

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

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**His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena**, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Minister of Defence, Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment and Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

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

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

**Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**, Minister of Sports

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

**Hon. Duminda Dissanayake**, Minister of Agriculture

**Hon. Navin Dissanayake**, Minister of Plantation Industries

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

**Hon. A. D. Susil Premajyantha**, Minister of Science, Technology and Research

**Hon. Sajith Premadasa**, Minister of Housing and Construction

**Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen**, Minister of Industry and Commerce

**Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka**, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

**Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga**, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

**Hon. Malik Samarawickrama**, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

**Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, Minister of Ports and Shipping

**Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

**Hon. Abdul Haleem**, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs

**Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka**, Minister of Regional Development

**Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture

**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. V. S. Radhakrishnan**, State Minister of Education

**Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development

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

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

**Hon. Vasantha Senanayake**, State Minister of Foreign Affairs

**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. Faizal Cassim**, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

**Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma**, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

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

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

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

**Hon. Indika Bandaranayake**, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

**Hon. H. M. M. Harees**, Deputy Minister of Sports

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**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**

**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**

**Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**  
**Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**  
**Hon. Ravi Karunanayake**  
**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**  
**Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri**  
**Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne**  
**Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran**  
**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**  
**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**  
**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**  
**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**  
**Hon. Edward Gunasekara**  
**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa**  
**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**  
**Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne**  
**Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana**  
**Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**  
**Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam**  
**Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon**  
**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
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**Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan**  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. K. Kader Masthan**  
**Hon. Imran Maharroof**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana**

**Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. A. A. Wijethunga**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Rajavarothingam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. M. H. M. Salman**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne**  
**Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi**  
**Hon. Kanaka Herath**  
**Hon. Vijitha Herath**

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. Announcements by the Speaker :** The Speaker made the following announcement:-

“ A motion may be moved to refer the question of privilege raised by the Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe, MP in Parliament on 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2017 to the Committee on Privileges. ”

**2. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Engineering Research and Development Centre of Sri Lanka for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Bank of Ceylon for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

**3. Petitions :**

(1) Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage presented a petition dated 13.09.2017 from Mr. C.M.M. Samsudeen of No. 26/6, 04<sup>th</sup> Lane, Soyza Kele, Nawalapitiya.

(2) Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna presented a petition dated 20.07.2017 from Mr. J.M. Mahinda Jayasundara of No. 12/30, Nidahas Mawatha, Lewella Road, Kandy.

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

**4. Appropriation (Amendment) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— Bill to amend the Appropriation Act, No.24 of 2016.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Monday, December 11, 2017 and to be printed and be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

**5. Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) (Amendment) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice moved,— Bill to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 2 of 2013.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Monday, December 11, 2017 and to be printed and be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

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

*(In the Committee)*

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 111

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 10.52 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

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

(At 3.01 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

(At 4.06 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 6.40 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 118,176,198,000 for Head 111, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 10,812,200,000 for Head 111, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 14,867,350,000 for Head 111, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 32,536,800,000 for Head 111, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 220

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 116,200,000 for Head 220, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 10,700,000 for Head 220, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,240,250,000 for Head 220, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 640,300,000 for Head 220, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 123

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 252,600,000 for Head 123, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,000,000 for Head 123, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 155,000,000 for Head 123, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 10,106,000,000 for Head 123, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 309

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 105,950,000 for Head 309, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 23,800,000 for Head 309, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 220,000,000 for Head 309, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 67,700,000 for Head 309, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 310

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 100,950,000 for Head 310, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 204,500,000 for Head 310, 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, December 05, 2017.

**7. Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act:** The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with the Section 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Medical Devices Pricing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2030/47 of 04<sup>th</sup> August 2017, which were presented on 13.11.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**8. Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation - 2013 :** The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 08.07.2016 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**9. Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital - 2013 :** The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 21.07.2016 under Section 30(2) of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital Board Act, No. 54 of 1983 and Section 14(2) C of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**10. Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation - 2013 :** The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 11.08.2016 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**11. Annual Report and Accounts of Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital - 2013:** The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 12.08.2016 under Section 30(2) of the Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital Board Act, No. 38 of 1999 and Section 14(2) C of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.



**12. Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Drugs Corporation - 2013 :** The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Drugs Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 09.01.2017 under Section 30 of State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**13. Annual Report and Accounts of Homoeopathy Medical Council - 2011:** The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Homoeopathy Medical Council together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2011 and presented on 25.01.2017 under Section 40 of Homoeopathy Act, No. 7 of 1970, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**14. Annual Report and Accounts of National Housing Development Authority - 2012 :** The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine on behalf of the Minister of Housing and Construction moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of National Housing Development Authority together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 25.10.2016 under National Housing Development Authority Act, No. 17 of 1979, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**15. Annual Report and Accounts of the Institution for Construction Training and Development - 2013:** The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine on behalf of the Minister of Housing and Construction moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Institution for Construction Training and Development together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 25.10.2016 under Sub-section 1 of Section 2 of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Gazette Extraordinary No. 718/15 of 10<sup>th</sup> June 1992, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**16. Annual Report and Accounts of State Development and Construction Corporation - 2012:** The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine on behalf of the Minister of Housing and Construction moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of State Development and Construction Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 24.01.2017 under Sub-section 1 of Section 2 of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**17. Adjournment :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.28 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 05, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.