



*(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)*

No. 11.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, June 07, 2018 at 9.30 a.m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

**Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri**, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

**Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan**, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

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

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

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

**Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera**, Minister of Agriculture

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

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

**Hon. Lakshman Kiriella**, Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development and Leader of the House of Parliament

**Hon. Mano Ganesan**, Minister of National Integration, Reconciliation and Official Languages

**Hon. Daya Gamage**, Minister of Social Welfare and Primary Industries

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

**Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera**, Minister of Buddhasasana

**Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara**, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

**Hon. Faiszer Musthapha**, Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports

**Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka**, Minister of Youth Affairs, Project Management and Southern Development

**Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe**, Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs

**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. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya**, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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

**Hon. P. Harrison**, Minister of Social Empowerment

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

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

**Hon. Piyasena Gamage**, State Minister of Youth Affairs, Project Management and Southern Development

**Hon. Mohan Lal Grero**, State Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs

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

**Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake**, State Minister of Mahaweli Development

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

**Hon. Niroschan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

**Hon. A. D. Premadasa**, State Minister of Plantation Industries

**Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran**, State Minister of Child Affairs

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

**Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance

**Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**, State Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports

**Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**, State Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs

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

**Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne**, State Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage

**Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie**, State Minister of National Unity and Co-existence

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

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

**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

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

**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage**, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

**Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha**, Deputy Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms

**Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara**, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment

**Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**, Deputy Minister of National Integration, Reconciliation and Official Languages

**Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake**, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment

**Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare & Primary Industries

**Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen**, Deputy Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources  
Development and Rural Economic Affairs

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**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**

**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**

**Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**

**Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**

**Hon. Dilum Amunugama**

**Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**

**Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**

**Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail**

**Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**

**Hon. Ravi Karunanayake**

**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**

**Hon. Velu Kumar**

**Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne**

**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**

**Hon. Chandima Gamage**

**Hon. Siripala Gamalath**

**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**

**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**

**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**

**Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane**

**Hon. Edward Gunasekara**

**Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera**

**Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**

**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**

**Hon. Malith Jayathilake**

**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**

**Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne**

**Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne**

**Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**

**Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana**

**Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**

**Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**

**Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena**  
**Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam**  
**Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon**  
**Hon. Sirinal de Mel**  
**Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa**  
**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. S. B. Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Susantha Punchinilame**  
**Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. K. Kader Masthan**  
**Hon. Imran Maharroof**  
**Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff**  
**Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana**  
**Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran**  
**Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero**  
**Hon. Lohan Ratwatte**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**

**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage**  
**Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah**  
**Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne**  
**Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**  
**Hon. Sunil Handunnetti**  
**Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi**  
**Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath**  
**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. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Office of the Cabinet of Ministers for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

- (i) Performance Report of the Ministry of Buddhasasana for the year 2017; and
- (ii) Performance Report of the Department of Buddhist Affairs for the year 2017

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Information Technology Management for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Public Enterprise Development for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

- (i) Performance Report of the Ministry of Justice for the year 2017;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Department of Prisons for the year 2017; and
- (iii) Performance Report of the Department of the Law Commission for the year 2017

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Sports for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

**2. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** (1) Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, the Chairman of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Excise Notifications under Excise Ordinance;
- (ii) Notes on the Supplementary Allocations given from the Budgetary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities provision made under the Department of National Budget as per the Introduction Note of the Annual Estimates; and
- (iii) Financial Performance of the fourth quarter of the year 2017

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) Hon. Malith Jayathilake, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) National Defence Fund (Amendment) Bill;
- (ii) Annual Reports and Financial Statements of the General Sir John Kothelawala Defence University for the years 2013 and 2014;
- (iii) Annual Performance Reports of the Sri Lanka Army for the years from 2001 to 2010;
- (iv) Annual Reports of the Ranaviru Seva Authority for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014;
- (v) Annual Performance Reports of the Sri Lanka Navy for the years from 2001 to 2010;
- (vi) Annual Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Army for the year 2016;
- (vii) Annual Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Air Force for the year 2016;
- (viii) Performance Report of the Ministry of Defence for the year 2016;
- (ix) Annual Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Navy for the year 2016; and
- (x) Performance Reports of the Civil Security Department for the years 2015 and 2016

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

**3. Petitions :**

- (1) Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne presented a petition dated 26.03.2018 from Mr. V.G.H.S. Perera of No. 552 B, Gurugedara Road, Thalangama North, Battaramulla.
- (2) Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna presented a petition dated 21.03.2018 from Mr. B.W.G. Buddhika Ushan Premaratne of No. 697/2, Elhena Road, New Town Gothatuwa.

- (3) Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri presented a petition dated 17.03.2018 from Mr. R.M.M.K. Randeniya of No: 14, Lahuwewa, Nugathalawa.
- (4) Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi presented —
- (i) a petition dated 15.12.2017 from Mr. L.A. Gunarathne of Gonamulla Junction, Galle;
  - (ii) a petition dated 02.01.2018 from Mr. Milan Subodha Jayasekara of No. 389/1, Tangalle Rd, Meddawatta, Matara; and
  - (iii) a petition dated 21.11.2017 from Mrs. R.A.K. Samaranayake of No. 71, Isurupura, Idigasketiya, Baddegama.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order No. 30 (10) of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

**4. Sittings of the Parliament :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06.06.2018, the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 1.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

**5. Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.1) :** The Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 32(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding on Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/41 of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018, which was presented on 22.05.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 03/2018)

(At 10.49 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.26 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

Hon. Edward Gunasekara seconded by Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.23 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

**6. Notifications under the Excise Ordinance (No.2) :** The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Notifications made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Sections 2 and 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding on Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2055/9 of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018, which were presented on 22.05.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notifications Nos. 05/2018 and 06/2018)

Question put, and agreed to.



**7. Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.3) :** The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Sections 2, 12, 22 and 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding on Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2059/32 of 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018, which was presented on 22.05.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 07/2018)

Question put, and agreed to.

**8. Adjournment (Arrangement to recover money deposited in bankrupt Financial Institutions) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

State Minister of Finance moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.23 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

State Minister of Finance moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.12 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

(At 5.43 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

And it being 7.00 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Parliament without question put.

Accordingly, Parliament adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, June 08, 2018.