



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 215.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, November 17, 2017 at 9.30 a. m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

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

**Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan**, Deputy 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. (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. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama**, Minister of Special Assignment

**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. Daya Gamage**, Minister of Primary Industries

**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. 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. Harin Fernando**, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure
- Hon. A. D. Susil Premajyantha**, Minister of Science, Technology and Research
- Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara**, Minister of Women and Child Affairs
- Hon. Tilak Marapana**, Minister of Development Assignments and Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Hon. Faiszer Musthapha**, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government
- Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**, Minister of Disaster Management
- Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka**, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development
- Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga**, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development
- Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka**, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development
- Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- Hon. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister of Finance and Mass Media
- Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, Minister of Ports and Shipping
- 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. Abdul Haleem**, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs
- Hon. P. Harrison**, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs
- Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka**, Minister of Regional Development
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- Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**, State Minister of Public Enterprise Development
- Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**, State Minister of Lands
- Hon. Dilan Perera**, State Minister of Highways
- Hon. Niroshan 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. Dilip Wedaarachchi**, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources  
Development

**Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera**, State Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations

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

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

**Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne**, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and  
Environment

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

**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. Tharanath Basnayaka**, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital  
Infrastructure

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

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

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**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**

**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**

**Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**

**Hon. Dilum Amunugama**

**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**

**Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**

**Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**

**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**

**Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri**  
**Hon. Velu Kumar**  
**Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran**  
**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**  
**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**  
**Hon. Bandula Gunawardane**  
**Hon. Edward Gunasekara**  
**Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**  
**Hon. Malith Jayathilake**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa**  
**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**  
**Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana**  
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**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Salinda Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**  
**Hon. S. Premarathna**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**  
**Hon. K. Kader Masthan**  
**Hon. Imran Maharroof**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**

**Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana**  
**Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheśwaran**  
**Hon. C. B. Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Lohan Ratwatte**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Angajan Ramanathan**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. A. A. Wijethunga**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**  
**Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara**  
**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Rajavarothingam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. M. H. M. Salman**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah**  
**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. Presentation of Papers :** The Minister of Finance and Mass Media presented the List of proposed alterations in the Legends of Draft Estimates - 2018.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

**2. Petitions:**

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara presented a petition dated 27.12.2016 from Mr. M.G. Gunarathne of Ampitiya, Dombagahawela, Monaragala.

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

**3. Appropriation Bill (2018) — (Seventh Allotted Day) :** Considered in the Committee .

*(In the Committee)*

The Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 10 were postponed until after consideration of the First, Second and Third Schedules.

## First Schedule

Sums Payable for General Services.

Head 1

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Sunil Hadunnethi proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.00 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 1.15 p.m. Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

(At 2.28 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 4.31 p.m. Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

(At 6.00 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 6.45 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,608,206,000 for Head 1, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,265,319,000 for Head 1, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 100,000,000 for Head 1, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,010,000,000 for Head 1, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 2

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 951,580,000 for Head 2, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 821,100,000 for Head 2, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 4

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 111,100,000 for Head 4, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 63,400,000 for Head 4, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 5

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 94,350,000 for Head 5, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 12,650,000 for Head 5, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 6

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 166,665,000 for Head 6, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 58,221,000 for Head 6, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 7

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 69,920,000 for Head 7, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,800,000 for Head 7, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 8

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 85,430,000 for Head 8, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,950,000 for Head 8, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 9

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 24,840,000 for Head 9, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 650,000 for Head 9, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 10

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 437,600,000 for Head 10, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 29,000,000 for Head 10, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 11

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 68,600,000 for Head 11, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 199,800,000 for Head 11, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.



## Head 12

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 40,202,000 for Head 12, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,250,000 for Head 12, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 13

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 244,000,000 for Head 13, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,100,000 for Head 13, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 16

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,554,500,000 for Head 16, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 646,650,000 for Head 16, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 17

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 40,060,000 for Head 17, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,050,000 for Head 17, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 18

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 83,610,000 for Head 18, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,900,000 for Head 18, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 19

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 82,800,000 for Head 19, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,850,000 for Head 19, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 20

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 6,203,450,000 for Head 20, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 114,250,000 for Head 20, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 21

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,804,600,000 for Head 21, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 122,500,000 for Head 21, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 22

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 23,755,000 for Head 22, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 550,000 for Head 22, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 23

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 44,322,000 for Head 23, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,885,000 for Head 23, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 24

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 59,360,000 for Head 24, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 12,000,000 for Head 24, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 25

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 10,810,000 for Head 25, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 725,000 for Head 25, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 26

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 41,190,000 for Head 26, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,000,000 for Head 26, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 324

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 49,050,000 for Head 324, 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 324, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Whereupon the Minister of Higher Education and Highways 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 Saturday, November 18, 2017.

**4. Adjournment (Administrative Problems of Stafford Sri Lankan School in Qatar) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question Proposed and debated.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways proposed that Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 7.20 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.47 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, November 18, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.