



*(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)*

No. 6.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 1.00 p.m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

**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. Mahinda Amaraweera**, Minister of Agriculture

**Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama**, Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Hon. Tilak Marapana**, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

**Hon. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister of Finance and Mass Media

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

**Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa**, Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs

**Hon. D. M. Swaminathan**, Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & Hindu Religious Affairs

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Hon. Palitha Range Bandara**, State Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources &  
Disaster Management

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

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

**Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah**, State Minister of Highways & Road Development

**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. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma**, Deputy Minister of Sustainable  
Development, Wildlife and Regional Development

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

**Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana**, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology,  
Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage

**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

**Hon. H. M. M. Harees**, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City  
Development

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**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**  
**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**  
**Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**  
**Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**  
**Hon. Dilum Amunugama**  
**Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**  
**Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**  
**Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**  
**Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**  
**Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**  
**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**  
**Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri**  
**Hon. Velu Kumar**  
**Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne**  
**Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran**  
**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**  
**Hon. Chandima Gamage**  
**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**  
**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane**  
**Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera**  
**Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**  
**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa**  
**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. Thurairatnasingam**  
**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Sirinal de Mel**  
**Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**  
**Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa**

**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. S. B. Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Mohamed Navavi**  
**Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan**  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Susantha Punchinilame**  
**Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. Arundika Fernando**  
**Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**  
**Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra**  
**Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. K. Kader Masthan**  
**Hon. Imran Maharroof**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran**  
**Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero**  
**Hon. Bimal Rathnayake**  
**Hon. C. B. Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Angajan Ramanathan**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**

**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi**  
**Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage**  
**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**  
**Hon. Wimal Weerawansa**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah**  
**Hon. Sunil Handunnetti**  
**Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi**  
**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 Speaker presented the Tenth Instalment – Parts III, XI and XII of the Special Audit Report of the Auditor-General in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table and to be printed.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Sri Lanka Press Council for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti - corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Annual Performance Report of the Parliament of Sri Lanka for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti - corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

(i) Annual Reports of the Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation Ltd. for the years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016; and

(ii) Annual Report and Accounts of the Co-operative Wholesale Establishment for the year 2012

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Business and Commerce.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

(i) Annual Report of the Industrial Development Board for the year 2013; and

(ii) Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Design Centre for the year 2014

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy.

Question put, and agreed to.

**2. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** (1) Hon. Vijitha Herath, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands presented the Report of the said Committee on,

(i) Annual Reports of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority for the years 2013 & 2014;

(ii) Annual Report of the Ceylon Fertilizer Company for the year 2015;

(iii) Annual Report of the Colombo Commercial Fertilizers Ltd for the year 2015;

(iv) Annual Reports of the Sri Lanka National Freedom from Hunger Campaign Board for the years 2013 & 2014; and

(v) Sri Lanka Tea Board (Amendment) Bill

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) Hon. Lucky Jayawardana, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015” which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(3) Hon. Vadivel Suresh, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Annual Performance Report of Ministry of Higher Education & Highways for the year 2016;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka for the year 2014;
- (iii) Annual Reports and Annual Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of English of Open University of Sri Lanka for the years 2014 and 2015;
- (iv) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education for the year 2015;
- (v) Annual Report of the University of Colombo for the year 2015;
- (vi) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies of University of Kelaniya for the year 2015; and
- (vii) Annual Report of the Buddhist & Pali University of Sri Lanka for the year 2015

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

**3. Order under the National Environment Act (No.1) :** The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Order made by the President under Sections 24 C and 24 D of the National Environment Act, No. 47 of 1980 to be read with chapter (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka relating to Waratenna-Hakkinda Environment Area and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2024/6 of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017, which was presented on 09.05.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.30 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Home Affairs moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.32 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

(At 4.29 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

**4. Order under the National Environment Act (No.2) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Order made by the President under Section 23 W of the National Environment Act, No. 47 of 1980 to be read with Section 51 of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka relating to managing usage of Polythene and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2034/33 of 01<sup>st</sup> September 2017, which was presented on 09.05.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**5. Order under the National Environment Act (No.3) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Order made by the President under Section 23 W of the National Environment Act, No. 47 of 1980 to be read with Section 51 of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka relating to managing usage of Polythene and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2034/34 of 01<sup>st</sup> September 2017, which was presented on 09.05.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**6. Order under the National Environment Act (No.4) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Order made by the President under Section 23 W of the National Environment Act, No. 47 of 1980 to be read with Section 51 of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka relating to managing usage of Polythene and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2034/35 of 01<sup>st</sup> September 2017, which was presented on 09.05.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**7. Regulations under the National Environment Act (No.5) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,—That the Regulations made by the President under Section 32 of the National Environment Act, No. 47 of 1980 read with Section 23 J and 23 K of that Act and Section 51 of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka relating to managing usage of Polythene and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2034/36 of 01<sup>st</sup> September 2017, which were presented on 09.05.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**8. Order under the National Environment Act (No.6) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Order made by the President under Section 23 W of the National Environment Act, No. 47 of 1980 to be read with Section 51 of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka relating to managing usage of Polythene and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2034/37 of 01<sup>st</sup> September 2017, which was presented on 09.05.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.



**9. Order under the National Environment Act (No.7) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Order made by the President under Section 23 W of the National Environment Act, No. 47 of 1980 to be read with Section 51 of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka relating to managing usage of Polythene and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2034/38 of 01<sup>st</sup> September 2017, which was presented on 09.05.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**10. Adjournment (Methodology for Direct Purchase of Farm Produce) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.20 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.16 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2018.