



*(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)*

No. 21.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, July 17, 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. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale**, Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms

**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. 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. Nawinne**, Minister of Internal Affairs & Wayamba Development

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

**Hon. Harin Fernando**, Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment

**Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara**, Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order

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

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

**Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga**, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development  
**Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse**, Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs  
**Hon. Malik Samarawickrama**, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade  
**Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, Minister of Ports and Shipping  
**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 Highways & Road Development  
**Hon. P. Harrison**, Minister of Social Empowerment

**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**, State Minister of Home Affairs  
**Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**, State Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs  
**Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture  
**Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply  
**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. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance  
**Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene**, State Minister of Defence  
**Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**, State Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs  
**Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe**, State Minister of International Trade  
**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. Faizal Cassim**, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine  
**Hon. Edward Gunasekara**, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs & Wayamba Development  
**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**, Deputy Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order

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

**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**, Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce

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

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

**Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**, Deputy Minister of Environment

**Hon. Angajan Ramanathan**, Deputy Minister of Agriculture

**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. Rohitha Abeygunawardana**

**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**

**Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**

**Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekera**

**Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**

**Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**

**Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**

**Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**

**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. Chandima Gamage**

**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. Dayasiri Jayasekara**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena**  
**Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon**  
**Hon. Arumugan Thondaman**  
**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**  
**Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa**  
**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. S. B. Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Salinda Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Susantha Punchinilame**  
**Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. Arundika Fernando**  
**Hon. Johnston Fernando**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**  
**Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**  
**Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra**  
**Hon. S. Premarathna**  
**Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. Imran Maharroof**  
**Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff**

**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana**  
**Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**  
**Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran**  
**Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero**  
**Hon. Bimal Rathnayake**  
**Hon. C. B. Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Nimal Lanza**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka**  
**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 Wijesekara**  
**Hon. Hessa Withanage**  
**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**  
**Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**  
**Hon. Wimal Weerawansa**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Rajavarithiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. E. Saravanapavan**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne**  
**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. Announcements by the Speaker :** The Speaker made the following announcement:-

“ I wish to announce that I have under the Provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, endorsed the certificate on the Bill titled ‘National Audit’ on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 .”

**2. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Special Assignments for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Defence for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Mid-Year Fiscal Position Report for the year 2018 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 Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

- (5) The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs presented the —
- (i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sabaragamuwa University for the year 2015;
  - (ii) Annual Report of the University of Jaffna for the year 2015;
  - (iii) Annual Report of the Eastern University for the year 2015;
  - (iv) Annual Report of the South Eastern University for the year 2015;
  - (v) Annual Report of the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences - University of Colombo for the year 2015;
  - (vi) Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the Institute of Human Resource Advancement - University of Colombo for the year 2015;
  - (vii) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology - University of Kelaniya for the year 2015;
  - (viii) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine for the year 2015;
  - (ix) Annual Report of the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences for the year 2015;
  - (x) Annual Report of the Institute of Indigenous Medicine - University of Colombo for the year 2015; and
  - (xi) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Management - University of Sri Jayewardenepura for the year 2015.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

- (6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —
- (i) Regulations made by the Minister of Housing and Construction under Section 26 and Section 30 of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 read with Section 58 of the aforesaid act relating to Registration of Qualified Persons and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2057/5 of 05<sup>th</sup> February 2018;
  - (ii) Regulations made by the Minister of Housing and Construction under Subsections (1), (2) and (4) of Section 35 of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 read with Section 58 of the aforesaid act relating to Registration of Contractors and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2057/5 of 05<sup>th</sup> February 2018 as amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2079/15 of 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018; and
  - (iii) Regulations made by the Minister of Housing and Construction under Section 45(2) of the Construction Development Industry Act, No. 33 of 2014 read with Section 58 of the aforesaid act relating to Technical Auditing Procedure and Fees and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2057/5 of 05<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

and moved that these Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of the Registrar of Supreme Court 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.

(8) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs 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.

(9) The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Section 4(3) and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 relating to Imports and Exports (Control) regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2076/4 of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and moved that these Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

### 3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Harin Fernando presented a petition dated 22.12.2017 from Mr. B.M. Premadasa of No. 239, Redeepana, Badulla.
- (2) Hon. Gamini Lokuge presented a petition dated 22.05.2018 from Mr. G. J. W. Liyanage of No. 2/14, Mansooriya Cross Lane, Avissawella.
- (3) Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka presented a petition dated 18.04.2018 from Mr. S. Amil Suranga Subasinghe of No. 55, Madawalalanda, Ampara.
- (4) Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa presented —
  - (i) a petition dated 05.05.2018 from Mrs. A. W. Priyani Perera of National Livestock Development Board, Kaduruwela, Polonnaruwa;
  - (ii) a petition dated 28.05.2018 from Mr. D. H. Gamage of No. 67B, Podujana Mawatha, Walana, Panadura;
  - (iii) a petition dated 23.05.2018 from Mr. Dayapala Liyanaarachchi of No. 490, Hospital Place, Padalangala;
  - (iv) a petition dated 08.05.2018 from Mr. H. M. Ariyadasa of Kongowatta, Maliyadda, Meepanawa, Udupussellawa;
  - (v) a petition dated 27.04.2018 from Mrs. Malliyawadu Kalyani of No. 97, Galle Road, Pereliya, Thelwatta; and
  - (vi) a petition dated 23.04.2018 from Mr. P. L. Piyasena of Galketigahena, Meegahathenna.
- (5) Hon. S. M. Marikkar presented a petition dated 06.06.2018 from Mrs. Madura Guruge of Kosgodawatta, Eththiligoda, Galle.

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



**4. Office for Reparations :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs presented the Bill to provide for the establishment of the Office for Reparations; to identify aggrieved persons eligible for reparations, and to provide for the provision of individual and collective reparations to such persons; to repeal the Rehabilitation of Persons, Properties and Industries Authority Act, No. 29 of 1987 and to provide for all matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, August 07, 2018 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

**5. Value Added Tax (Amendment) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media presented the Bill to amend the Value Added Tax Act, No.14 of 2002.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, August 07, 2018 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

**6. Medical (Amendment) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine presented the Bill to amend the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105).

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, August 07, 2018 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

**7. Sittings of the Parliament :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

**8. Ministerial Consultative Committees :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.112 of Parliament and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 20th June, 2018 the Ministerial Consultative Committees shall consist of nine (09) Members.

Question put, and agreed to.

**9. Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill :** Second Reading.

Bill, by leave of the House withdrawn.

**10. Adjournment (Sri Lanka – Singapore Free Trade Agreement) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

(At 2.18 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs moved,— That Hon. Kanaka Herath do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.30 p.m. Hon. Kanaka Herath took the Chair.)

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That Hon. Shehan Semasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.02 p.m. Hon. Shehan Semasinghe took the Chair.)

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, the State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.56 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.28 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18, 2018.