



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 72.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, August 05, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. (Dr.) Jagath Wickramaratne, Speaker

Hon. (Dr.) Rizvie Salih, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

Hon. (Mrs.) Hemali Weerasekara, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education

Hon. (Prof.) A.H.M.H. Abayarathna, Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. (Prof.) Chrishantha Abeysena, Minister of Science and Technology

Hon. Anura Karunathilaka, Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing

Hon. K.D. Lal Kantha, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation

Hon. Sunil Kumara Gamage, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports

Hon. Ramalingam Chandrasekar, Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Hon. Kumara Jayakody, Minister of Energy

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa, Minister of Health and Mass Media and Chief Government Whip

Hon. (Dr.) Anil Jayantha, Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Economic Development

Hon. Harshana Nanayakkara, Attorney at Law, Minister of Justice and National Integration

Hon. (Dr.) Dammika Patabendi, Minister of Environment

Hon. (Dr.) Upali Pannilage, Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment

Hon. (Mrs.) Saroja Savithri Paulraj, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake, Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. Ananda Wijepala, Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs

- Hon. K.V. Samantha Vidyarathna**, Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure
- Hon. Wasantha Samarasinghe**, Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development
- Hon. (Dr.) Hiniduma Sunil Senevi**, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs
- Hon. Sunil Handunnetti**, Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development
- Hon. Vijitha Herath**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism
- Hon. Sajith Premadasa**, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
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- Hon. Chathuranga Abeysinghe**, Deputy Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development
- Hon. Namal Karunaratne**, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Livestock
- Hon. Janitha Ruwan Kodithuwakku**, Deputy Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation
- Hon. Rathna Gamage**, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources
- Hon. Eranga Gunasekara**, Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs
- Hon. Anton Jayakody**, Deputy Minister of Environment
- Hon. R.M. Jayawardhana**, Deputy Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security
- Hon. Mahinda Jayasinghe**, Deputy Minister of Labour
- Hon. Major General (Rtd.) Aruna Jayasekera**, Deputy Minister of Defence
- Hon. Sugath Thilakaratne**, Deputy Minister of Sports
- Hon. Gamagedara Dissanayake**, Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs
- Hon. Wasantha Piyathissa**, Deputy Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment
- Hon. Sundaralingam Pradeep**, Deputy Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure
- Hon. Muneer Mulaffer**, Deputy Minister of National Integration
- Hon. (Prof.) Ruwan Ranasinghe**, Deputy Minister of Tourism
- Hon. (Dr.) Susil Ranasinghe**, Deputy Minister of Land and Irrigation
- Hon. Sunil Watagala, Attorney at Law**, Deputy Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs
- Hon. (Dr.) Hansaka Wijemuni**, Deputy Minister of Health and Mass Media
- Hon. Eranga Weeraratne**, Deputy Minister of Digital Economy
- Hon. Upali Samarasingha**, Deputy Minister of Cooperative Development
- Hon. T. B. Sarath**, Deputy Minister of Housing

Hon. (Dr.) Namal Sudarshana, Deputy Minister of Women and Child Affairs

Hon. P. Ruwan Senarath, Deputy Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. (Dr.) Madhura Senevirathna, Deputy Minister of Education and Higher Education

Hon. Arun Hemachandra, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Employment

Hon. Nalin Hewage, Deputy Minister of Vocational Education

Hon. Roshan Akmeemana

Hon. Ajith Agalakada

Hon. Amirthanathan Adaikkalanathan

Hon. Aboobucker Athambawa

Hon. (Mrs.) Sagarika Athauda, Attorney at Law

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama

Hon. (Dr.) Nihal Abeysinghe

Hon. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna

Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala

Hon. M.K.M. Aslam

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi

Hon. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi

Hon. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi

Hon. (Dr.)(Ms.) Kaushalya Ariyaratne

Hon. B. Ariyawansa

Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika

Hon. K. Ilankumaran

Hon. Arkam Ilyas

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe

Hon. (Mrs.) Oshani Umanga

Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. (Ms.) Krishnan Kalaichelvi

Hon. M. Nizam Kariapper, PC

Hon. Upul Kithsiri

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law

Hon. Kathiravelu Shanmugam Kugathasan

Hon. Wasantha Pushpa Kumara

Hon. Chaminda Lalith Kumara

Hon. Sarath Kumara, Attorney at Law

Hon. (Mrs.) Nilanthi Kottahachchi, Attorney at Law

Hon. Kaveenthiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. (Mrs.) M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani

Hon. Mano Ganesan

Hon. Lasith Bhashana Gamage

Hon. Thilanka U. Gamage

Hon. (Mrs.) Nilusha Lakmali Gamage, Attorney at Law

Hon. Ajantha Gammeddage

Hon. Chathura Galappaththi

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Ajith Gihan

Hon. (Dr.) Jagath Gunawardana

Hon. (Mrs.) Samanmali Gunasingha

Hon. Ashoka Gunasena

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. Gayan Janaka

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana

Hon. Dilith Jayaweera

Hon. Nishantha Jayaweera

Hon. (Mrs.) Thushari Jayasingha, Attorney at Law

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law

Hon. Mayilvaganam Jegatheeswaran

Hon. M.A.M. Thahir

Hon. (Dr.) Sellaththamby Thilaganathan

Hon. (Mrs.) Anushka Thilakarathne, Attorney at Law

Hon. Chandana Thennakoon

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake

Hon. Sugath Wasantha de Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Thanura Dissanayake
Hon. Dharmapriya Dissanayake
Hon. Sujeewa Dissanayake
Hon. Susantha Dodawatta, Attorney at Law
Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna
Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Nandana Pathmakumara
Hon. Aruna Panagoda
Hon. Nimal Palihena
Hon. Nishantha Perera
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G.G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law
Hon. Stepni Fernando
Hon. Kanthasamy Prabu
Hon. Amila Prasad
Hon. Lal Premanath
Hon. Nanda Bandara
Hon. Padmasiri Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Ravindra Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Sudath Balagalla
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sri Bavanandarajah
Hon. E.M. Basnayaka
Hon. Wijesiri Basnayake
Hon. Sunil Biyanwila
Hon. (Dr.) Sandaruwan Madarasinghe
Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga
Hon. Jagath Manuwarna
Hon. S.M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan

Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Chanaka Madugoda
Hon. Ruwan Mapalagama
Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala
Hon. Ismail Muththu Mohamed
Hon. Danushka Ranganath
Hon. Sanjeewa Ranasingha
Hon. R.M. Samantha Ranasinghe
Hon. Sunil Rathnasiri
Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake
Hon. Manjula Sugath Rathnayaka
Hon. Suranga Rathnayaka
Hon. (Mrs.) A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe
Hon. Asoka Sapumal Ranwala
Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran
Hon. Mujibur Rahman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Manoj Rajapaksha
Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. (Mrs.) Hasara Liyanage, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Mrs.) Deepthi Wasalage
Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth
Hon. Kanchana Welipitiya
Hon. R.G. Wijerathna
Hon. Priyantha Wijerathna , Attorney at Law
Hon. Ruwan Wijeweera
Hon. Darmapriya Wijesinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana
Hon. Jagath Vithana
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi

Hon. Athula Welandagoda
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuththu Srineshan
Hon. Fasmin Sharif
Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam
Hon. Thilina Samarakoon
Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera
Hon. (Ms.) Ambika Samivel
Hon. (Dr.) Elayathamby Srinath
Hon. Shantha Pathma Kumara Subasingha
Hon. Dewananda Suraweera
Hon. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi
Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara
Hon. Aravinda Senarath
Hon. Kitnan Selvaraj
Hon. Arjuna Sujeewa Senasinghe, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Dr.) Janaka Senarathna
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah
Hon. Chandima Hettiaratchi
Hon. Champika Hettiarachchi
Hon. Dinindu Saman Hennayake
Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law
Hon. Dinesh Hemantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Herath, Attorney at Law
Hon. Bhagya Sri Herath, Attorney at Law
Hon. Muhammad Faizal
Hon. Riyas Farook

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Chaminda Kularatne, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Hansa Abeyrathne, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. **Messages from the President:** The Speaker read the following message received from the President:—



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President of Sri Lanka

My No. PS/CSA/00/7/IX/3/01

July 25, 2025

Hon. I.W.M. Jagath Wickramaratne
Speaker
Parliament of Sri Lanka

Hon. Speaker,

The Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40)

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 12 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), I have issued an order to the effect that all members of the Armed Forces specified in the First Schedule are summoned for the maintenance of Public Order in the areas specified in Second Schedule thereof taking into consideration the need for the Public Order to be maintained.

Accordingly, I hereby inform the Parliament of the said Order in terms of Section 2(3) of the aforesaid Ordinance read with Section 21(2) thereof.

Yours sincerely,


Anura Kumara Dissanayake
President

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2. Announcements by the Speaker: The Speaker made the following announcements:—

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I wish to inform that I have endorsed the certificate on the Bill titled ‘Companies (Amendment)’ on 04th of August 2025 in terms of the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

II

I wish to inform the Parliament that I have received a copy of a petition filed in the Supreme Court in terms of the Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill titled ‘Mediation (Civil and Commercial Disputes)’ on 25th of July 2025.

3. Presentation of Papers: (1) The Speaker presented the —

- (i) Ninth Installment – Part XLV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2020; and
- (ii) Second Installment – Parts III and IV and Ninth Installment – Part I of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2024

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Reports do lie upon the **Table** and be printed.

(2) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the —

- (i) Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties
(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2434/02 of 28th April 2025);
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, as amended, relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2434/04 of 28th April 2025; and
- (iii) Regulation made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 19 read with Section 51 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 relating to Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2434/05 of 28th April 2025.

and moved that the said Resolution, Order and the Regulation be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 10(A) of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) as amended by Act No. 83 of 1988, relating to Customs Duty on imported goods and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2434/03 of 28th April 2025.

Ordered that the said Paper do lie upon the **Table**.

(4) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the —

- (i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka for the year 2023;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka for the year 2023; and
- (iii) Annual Report and Accounts of the Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine for the year 2023

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education, Manpower and Human Capital.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission for the year 2023 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Defence for the year 2024 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the —

- (i) Performance Report of the National Procurement Commission for the year 2024; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Delimitation Commission for the year 2024

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Committee on Constitutional Affairs.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Health and Mass Media moved that the Six Annual Performance Reports of the National Police Commission, the Finance Commission, the Audit Service Commission, the Election Commission, the Public Service Commission and the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption for the year 2024 which were presented to Parliament on Tuesday, the 08th of July 2025 and Wednesday, the 09th of July 2025 be amended with the leave of the House to be referred to the Committee on Constitutional Affairs in place of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection in terms of Standing Order 126 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau for the year 2023 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing under Section 58 read with Section 52(2) and Sections 35(1), (2) and (4) of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2430/13 of 01st April 2025 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Urban Development, Construction and Housing.

Question put, and agreed to.

(11) The Minister of Justice and National Integration presented the Performance Report of the Department of the Law Commission for the year 2024 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection.

Question put, and agreed to.

(12) The Minister of Environment presented the —

- (i) Annual Performance Report of the Department of National Zoological Gardens for the year 2024; and
- (ii) Performance Report of the Department of Forest Conservation for the year 2024

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability.

(13) The Minister of Women and Child Affairs presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services for the year 2024 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health, Media and Women's Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Presentation of Reports from Committees: The Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, the Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on the —

- (i) Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Bill;
- (ii) Regulations under Section 15 read with Sections 7 (1) and 8 (2) of the Tea (Tax and Control of Export) Act, No. 16 of 1959 (Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2343/63 dated 05th August 2023);
- (iii) Order under Section 2 of the Tobacco Tax Act, No. 8 of 1999 as amended relating to imposition of Tobacco Tax on Beedi (Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2430/16 dated 01st April 2025);
- (iv) Regulations made under Section 35 read with Sections 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of the Public Debt Management Act, No. 33 of 2024 and the proviso to Article 44(3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2443/14 dated 30th June 2025); and

- (v) Order under Section 22 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017
(Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2441/14 dated 18th June 2025)

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table**.

5. Presentation of Public Petitions:

- (1) Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 04.03.2025 from Mr. L.A. Udeni Umendra Weerasinghe of No. 238/3, Siri Niwasa, Warana Road, Thihariya; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 02.05.2025 from Mrs. R. M. P. C. Rathnayeka of No. 125/8, Church Road, Aluthgama Bogamuwa, Yakkala.
- (2) Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Kaushalya Ariyaratne presented a petition dated 17.03.2025 from Mr. A. H. L. Martin Sinno of No. 208/A, Seelawimala Mawatha, Pore, Athurugiriya.
- (3) Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law presented a petition dated 22.03.2025 from Mr. Augustin Fernando of No. 81/A, Bathala Hena Watta, Kanjukkuliya, Mugunuwatawana.
- (4) Hon. Amila Prasad presented a petition dated 05.02.2025 from Mrs. Y.M.C. Podimenike of Madugahawatta, 2nd Lane, Thawalampitiya, Meerigama.
- (5) Hon. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 09.05.2025 from Mr. D. G. Premasiri of Meepitikanda, Watta Road, Yatiyanthota;
 - (ii) A petition dated 24.03.2025 from Mrs. S. B. I. C. Sesath Bandara of No. 228/2E/1, Malwatta Road, Kahanthota, Malabe;
 - (iii) A petition dated 12.05.2025 from Mr. W. M. Ranathunga of No. 4 A, Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Nugasewanagama, Hali Ela; and
 - (iv) A petition dated 15.02.2025 from Mr. Y.K.G.D.B. Yatiwella and six others, of No. 7/18, Duwawaththa, Homagama.
- (6) Hon. (Ms.) Ambika Samivel presented a petition dated 14.06.2025 from Mr. A.A. Sirisinhge of No. 239/1, Wewa Gedara, Divulapitiya.
- (7) Hon. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi presented a petition dated 16.05.2025 from Mr. N. Prasanna De Silva of No. 82/3, Pahathgama, Hanwella.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order 30(10) of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. Sittings of the Parliament: The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—
That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.. At 5.30 p.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Privileges: Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka, seconded by Hon. Chathura Galappaththi moved,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna, M.P. on 09th May, 2025 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Resolution to remove the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. T.M.W. Deshabandu Tennakoon from the office of the Inspector-General of Police in terms of Section 17 of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002,— The Speaker moved,— Whereas the Parliament on the 08th of April, 2025 passed the Resolution No. P. 29/2025 appeared in the Order Paper of Parliament dated 08.04.2025 and a Committee of Inquiry (hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”) was appointed under Section 5(2) and Section 6(b) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002, to inquire and report its findings in respect of the allegations in the said Resolution;

whereas in terms of Section 8(1)(b) of the said Act, the Committee had made its findings and communicated such findings to the Speaker on 21.07.2025;

whereas the Report of the Committee containing its findings has been tabled before the House by the Speaker on 22.07.2025;

whereas the Committee, having conducted its inquiry, has found the Inspector-General of Police guilty of the Charges No: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, and 23, out of the total 23 charges levelled against him in the Charge Sheet annexed to the said tabled Report;

This Parliament resolves, under Article 41C(3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read with Section 18 of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No 5 of 2002, that the Inspector General of Police, Mr. T. M. W. Deshabandu Tennakoon, based on the findings of guilt recorded by the Committee of Inquiry and the said Report tabled before this House, be removed from office of the Inspector-General of Police.

(At 12.17 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.49 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development moved,—That Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.12 p.m. Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara took the Chair.)

(At 3.53 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows: Ayes: 177; Noes: 0; Abstain: 01.

The following One Hundred and Seventy Five (175) Members of Parliament voted by using the electronic voting system under the Standing Order 47(2)(b) of the Parliament, as follows:—

G 001. K.V. Samantha Viddyarathna	Yes
G 002. Sunil Handunnetti	Yes
G 003. K.D. Lal Kantha	Yes
G 004. Vijitha Herath	Yes
G 005. Nalinda Jayathissa	Yes
G 006. Bimal Rathnayake	Yes
G 007. Harini Amarasuriya	Yes
G 009. Ramalingam Chandrasekar	Yes
G 010. Wasantha Samarasinghe	Yes
G 011. A.H.M.H. Abayarathna	Yes
G 012. Chrishantha Abeysena	Yes
G 013. Anil Jayantha	Yes
G 014. Harshana Nanayakkara	Yes
G 015. Dammika Patabendi	Yes
G 016. Saroja Savithri Paulraj	Yes
G 017. Ananda Wijepala	Yes
G 018. Hiniduma Sunil Senevi	Yes
G 019. Sunil Kumara Gamage	Yes
G 020. Kumara Jayakody	Yes
G 021. Rizvie Salih	Yes
G 022. Anura Karunathilaka	Yes
G 024. Nihal Galappaththi	Yes
G 025. Nihal Abeysinghe	Yes
G 026. Namal Karunaratne	Yes
G 027. Wasantha Piyathissa	Yes
G 028. Gamagedara Dissanayake	Yes
G 029. R.M. Jayawardhana	Yes
G 030. Sunil Watagala	Yes
G 031. Rathna Gamage	Yes
G 032. Mahinda Jayasinghe	Yes
G 033. Chathuranga Abeysinghe	Yes
G 034. Eranga Gunasekara	Yes
G 035. Upali Samarasingha	Yes

G 036. T.B. Sarath	Yes
G 037. Nalin Hewage	Yes
G 039. Anton Jayakody	Yes
G 040. Sundaralingam Pradeep	Yes
G 041. Hemali Weerasekara	Yes
G 042. Ruwan Ranasinghe	Yes
G 043. Muneer Mulafter	Yes
G 044. Susil Ranasinghe	Yes
G 045. Hansaka Wijemuni	Yes
G 046. Eranga Weeraratne	Yes
G 047. Namal Sudarshana	Yes
G 048. P. Ruwan Senarath	Yes
G 049. Madhura Senevirathna	Yes
G 050. Arun Hemachandra	Yes
G 051. Janitha Ruwan Kodithuwakku	Yes
G 052. Aruna Jayasekera	Yes
G 053. Sugath Thilakaratne	Yes
G 054. Ashoka Ranwala	Yes
G 055. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi	Yes
G 056. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake	Yes
G 057. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi	Yes
G 058. K. Ilankumaran	Yes
G 059. Shantha Pathma Kumara Subasingha	Yes
G 060. Samanmali Gunasingha	Yes
G 061. Gayan Janaka	Yes
G 062. Ajith Agalakada	Yes
G 063. Sagarika Athauda	Yes
G 064. Roshan Akmeemana	Yes
G 066. L.M. Abeywickrama	Yes
G 067. M.K.M. Aslam	Yes
G 068. Kaushalya Ariyaratne	Yes
G 069. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana	Yes
G 070. Arkam Ilyas	Yes
G 071. Oshani Umanga	Yes
G 072. Krishnan Kalaichelvi	Yes
G 073. Upul Kithsiri	Yes
G 074. Wasantha Pushpa Kumara	Yes

G 075. Chaminda Lalith Kumara	Yes
G 076. Sarath Kumara	Yes
G 077. Nilanthi Kottahachchi	Yes
G 078. M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani	Yes
G 079. Lasith Bhashana Gamage	Yes
G 080. Thilanka U. Gamage	Yes
G 081. Nilusha Lakmali Gamage	Yes
G 082. Ajantha Gammeddage	Yes
G 084. Jagath Gunawardana	Yes
G 085. Aboobucker Athambawa	Yes
G 086. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody	Yes
G 087. Thushari Jayasingha	Yes
G 088. T.K. Jayasundara	Yes
G 089. Mayilvaganam Jegatheeswaran	Yes
G 091. Sellaththamby Thilaganathan	Yes
G 092. Anushka Thilakarathne	Yes
G 093. Chandana Thennakoon	Yes
G 094. Thanura Dissanayake	Yes
G 095. Dharmapriya Dissanayake	Yes
G 096. Sujeewa Dissanayake	Yes
G 097. Sugath Wasantha de Silva	Yes
G 098. Susantha Dodawatta	Yes
G 099. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna	Yes
G 100. Sena Nanayakkara	Yes
G 101. Najith Indika	Yes
G 102. Aruna Panagoda	Yes
G 103. Nimal Palihena	Yes
G 104. Nishantha Perera	Yes
G 105. Stepni Fernando	Yes
G 106. Kanthasamy Prabu	Yes
G 107. Lal Premanath	Yes
G 108. Nanda Bandara	Yes
G 109. Padmasiri Bandara	Yes
G 110. Ravindra Bandara	Yes
G 111. Sudath Balagalla	Yes
G 112. Sri Bavanandarajah	Yes
G 113. E. M. Basnayaka	Yes

G 114. Wijesiri Basnayake	Yes
G 115. Lakmali Hemachandra	Yes
G 116. S. Sandaruwan Madarasinghe	Yes
O 001. Mano Ganeshan	Yes
O 007. Gayantha Karunathilleka	Yes
O 008. Sajith Premadasa	Yes
O 014. Amirthanathan Adaikkalanathan	Yes
O 015. G.G. Ponnambalam	Yes
O 016. Ramanathan Archchuna	Abstain
O 017. M.A.M. Thahir	Yes
O 019. Sivagnanam Shritharan	Yes
O 020. Shanakiyan Rajaputhran Rasamanickam	Yes
O 022. Harsha de Silva	Yes
O 027. J. C. Alawathuwala	Yes
O 029. Hector Appuhamy	Yes
O 039. Kaveenthiran Kodeeswaran	Yes
O 040. Gnanamuththu Srineshan	Yes
O 042. Mujibur Rahman	Yes
O 057. M.S. Uthumalebbe	Yes
O 058. Abthul Wazeeth	Yes
O 059. Kathiravelu Shanmugam Kugathan	Yes
O 060. Thurairasa Ravikaran	Yes
O 063. Ismail Muththu Mohamed	Yes
O 064. Nissam Kariyappar	Yes
O 065. Prageeth Madhuranga	Yes
O 066. Jagath Manuwarna	Yes
O 067. Ruwan Mapalagama	Yes
O 068. Nandana Millagala	Yes
O 069. Riyas Farook	Yes
O 070. Danushka Ranganath	Yes
O 071. Sanjeewa Ranasingha	Yes
O 072. Sunil Rathnasiri	Yes
O 079. Elayathamby Srinath	Yes
O 080. Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam	Yes
O 081. Manjula Sugath Rathnayaka	Yes
O 082. A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe	Yes
O 083. Manoj Rajapaksha	Yes

O 084. Sunil Rajapaksha	Yes
O 085. Hasara Liyanage	Yes
O 086. Deepthi Wasalage	Yes
O 087. Kanchana Welipitiya	Yes
O 088. R. G. Wijerathna	Yes
O 089. Nishantha Samaraweera	Yes
O 090. Priyantha Wijerathna	Yes
O 091. Ruwan Wijeweera	Yes
O 092. Darmapriya Wijesinghe	Yes
O 093. Hiruni Wijesinghe	Yes
O 094. Athula Welandagoda	Yes
O 095. Fasmin Sharif	Yes
O 096. Dinindu Saman	Yes
O 097. Thilina Samarakoon	Yes
O 098. Ambika Samivel	Yes
O 099. Dewananda Suraweera	Yes
O 100. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi	Yes
O 101. G.D. Sooriyabandara	Yes
O 102. Aravinda Senarath	Yes
O 103. Kitnan Selvaraj	Yes
O 104. Janaka Senarathna	Yes
O 105. Chandima Hettiaratchi	Yes
O 106. Champika Hettiarachchi	Yes
O 107. Dinesh Hemantha	Yes
O 108. Geetha Herath	Yes
O 109. Bhagya Sri Herath	Yes
O 110. Muhammad Faizal	Yes
O 111. Ashoka Gunasena	Yes
O 112. Nandana Pathmakumara	Yes
O 113. Sunil Biyanwila	Yes
O 114. Samantha Ranasingha	Yes
O 115. Nishantha Jayaweera	Yes

The following Two (02) Member of Parliament cast their votes having being asked the names by the Secretary-General of Parliament under the Standing Order 47(2)(c) of the Parliament as follows:—

Rishad Bathiudeen	Yes
M.L.A.M. Hizbullah	Yes

9. Regulations under the Anti – Dumping and Countervailing Duties Act: The Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development under Section 84 read with Sections 64, 65, 66, 69 and 70 and Section 45(5) of Anti – Dumping and Countervailing Duties Act, No. 2 of 2018 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2429/32 of 27th March 2025, which were presented on 08.07.2025, be approved.

(At 4.19 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Women and Child Affairs moved,—That Hon. (Dr.)(Ms.) Kaushalya Ariyaratne do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.10 p.m. Hon. (Dr.)(Ms.) Kaushalya Ariyaratne took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Regulations under the Judicature Act: The Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development on behalf of the Minister of Justice and National Integration moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice and National Integration under Section 61 read with Section 45 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2439/34 of 04th June 2025, which were presented on 11.07.2025, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Adjournment (Gazetting of Divisional Secretary's Division of Koralaipattu Central): The Minister of Women and Child Affairs moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being 6.00 p.m. Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly, until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 06, 2025.