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சனாதிபதி அலுவலகம்
PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARIAT



My No.: PS/PCA/11/PMT/5

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On 28th October 2022

All Secretaries to Ministries
All Additional Secretaries in charge of the subjects of State Ministries

Debate on the Appropriation Bill (Budget) 2023

Since the Budget Report 2023 is currently being drafted, the Ministry of Finance is engaged in technical level discussions with the relevant Ministries, State Ministries, State Institutions, Private Sector, Diplomatic Representatives and International development funding Institutions, to identify special proposals for the forthcoming budget. Therefore, the Hon. President has requested that all Ministers, State Ministers, Secretaries of the Ministries, Heads of Departments and relevant officials provide the relevant information directly to the Ministry of Finance.

02.Further, according to the budget schedule approved by the Committee on Parliamentary Business, the Hon. President as the Minister of Finance is scheduled to present the Budget to the Parliament on 14th November 2022, at 1.30 pm. The debate on the Second Reading will commence on Tuesday, 15th November 2022, at 9.30 am and, will be continued until Tuesday, 22nd November 2022. The vote on the Second Reading is scheduled to be held on 22nd November 2022 at 5.00 pm. The debate on the Committee Stage of the Budget is scheduled to be held from 23rd November to 08th December 2022. The vote on the Third Reading of the Appropriation Bill will be held on 08th December 2022, at 5.00 pm. A copy of the programme for the Budget Debate is attached for your information.

03.During this period, official or personal foreign visits should not be undertaken by the Hon. Ministers. It may be further noted that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs would facilitate required representation for special occasions, through the Sri Lanka Missions abroad.

04.In this context it would be appreciated if Hon. Ministers and senior officials are informed to refrain from participating in foreign visits other than those of an essential nature, during this period.

Sgd/. E M S B Ekanayake
Secretary to the President

Copies - 1. Secretary to the Prime Minister
2. Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers
3. Secretary to the Leader of the House of the Parliament
4. Secretary to the Chief Government Whip of the Parliament } For kind information please

Programme for the Budget Debate – 2023

2022 November Monday 14th 1.30 pm Budget Speech
(Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill)

Debate on Second Reading

2022	November	Tuesday	15 th	}	Number of reserved days - Seven (07) <u>Duration of the Debate</u> (9.30 am to 5.30 pm) <u>Motion at the Adjournment Time of the House</u> (5.30 pm to 6.00 pm) <i>(Except Tuesday, 22nd November)</i> <i>(No Questions for Oral Answers and Questions for the Adjournment Time)</i> <i>(No time reserved for lunch break)</i>
		Wednesday	16 th		
		Thursday	17 th		
		Friday	18 th		
		Saturday	19 th		
		Monday	21 st		
		Tuesday	22 nd		

The Vote on the Second Reading will be held on 22nd November 2022 at 5.00 pm

Debate on the Committee Stage

2022	November	Wednesday	23 rd	}	Number of reserved days - Thirteen (13) <u>Duration of the Debate</u> (9.30 am to 5.30 pm) <u>Motion at the Adjournment Time of the House</u> (5.30 pm to 6.00 pm) <i>(Except Thursday, 08th December)</i> <i>(No Questions for Oral Answers and Questions for the Adjournment Time)</i> <i>(No time reserved for lunch break)</i>
		Thursday	24 th		
		Friday	25 th		
		Saturday	26 th		
		Monday	28 th		
		Tuesday	29 th		
		Wednesday	30 th		
2022	December	Thursday	01 st		
		Friday	02 nd		
		Saturday	03 rd		
		Monday	05 th		
		Tuesday	06 th		
		Thursday	08 th		

The Vote on the Third Reading will be held on 08th December 2022, at 5.00 pm

Office of the Secretary to the Chief Government Whip
Parliament of Sri Lanka, Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte

On 27th October 2022