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## New Cabinet Ministers sworn in before President

- 25 Cabinet Ministers including PM
- 39 State Ministers
- 23 District Coordinating Committee Chairmen

The Cabinet of Ministers and State Ministers of the new Government led by Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) were sworn in before President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

The swearing in ceremony was held at the Magul Maduwa (Audience Hall) of the historic Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic premises in Kandy this morning (12).

The President has repeatedly stressed the requirement of an efficient Cabinet of Ministers dedicated to build a prosperous nation in the future.

According to "Saubhagayaye Dekma" (Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour) policy statement the composition of the Cabinet has been formulated in a pragmatic and a realistic manner to implement the national programme. Special attention was paid to the areas of national security, economic development, infrastructure facilities, education, health and sports in the process of formulation of the ministerial structure.

The new Cabinet of Ministers comprised 25 Ministers including the Prime Minister. There are 39 State Ministers. 23 Members of Parliament have been appointed as District Coordinating Committee Chairmen.

Maha Sangha invoked blessings on newly appointed Ministers and Committee Chairmen.

## District Coordinating Committee Chairmen:

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| 1. Pradeep Udugoda               | - Colombo      |
| 2. Sahan Pradeep Vithana         | - Gampaha      |
| 3. Sanjeewa Edirimanna           | - Kalutara     |
| 4. Wasantha Yapa Bandara         | -Kandy         |
| 5. N. Nalaka Bandara Kottegodage | - Matale       |
| 6. S.B. Dissanayake              | - Nuwara Eliya |
| 7. Sampath Athukorala            | - Galle        |
| 8. Nipuna Ranawaka               | -Matara        |
| 9. Upul Galappaththi             | -Hambantota    |
| 10. Angajan Ramanathan           | -Jaffna        |

11. Douglas Devananda	-Kilinochchi
12. K. Dileepa	- Vavuniya
13. K. Kader Masthan	-Mannar and Mullaitivu
14. D. Weerasinghe	- Ampara
15. Kapila Athukorala	-Trincomalee
16. Gunapala Rathnasekara	-Kurunegala
17. Ashoka Priyantha	- Puttalam
18. H. Nandasena	-Anuradhapura
19. Amarakeerthi Athukorala	- Polonnaruwa
20. Sudarshana Denipitiya	- Badulla
21. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka	- Monaragala
22. Akila Ellawala	- Ratnapura
23. Rajika Wickramasinghe	- Kegalla

### **State Ministers**

1. Chamal Rajapaksa	- Internal Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management
2. Piyankara Jayaratne	- Foreign Employment Promotions and Market Diversification
3. Duminda Dissanayake	- Solar, Wind, Grid Power Generation Projects Development
4. Dayasiri Jayasekara	-Batik, Handloom Fabrics and Local Apparel Products
5. Lasantha Alagiyawanna Protection	- Cooperative Services, Marketing Development and Consumer
6. Sudarshani Fernandopulle	-Prisons Reforms and Prisoners' Rehabilitation
7. Arundika Fernando and Allied Industrial Production and Export Diversification	- Coconut, Fishtail Palm, Palmyra and Rubber product Promotion
8. Nimal Lansa	- Rural Road and other Infrastructure Facilities
9. Jayantha Samaraweera	- Warehouse Facilities, Container Yards, Port Supply Facilities and Boats and Shipping Industry Development
10. Roshan Ranasinghe Development	- Land Management Affairs, State Business Lands and Property
11. Kanaka Herath	- Company Establishment Reforms, Tea Estate Crops, Tea Factory Modernization and Tea Export Diversification
12. Vidura Wickramanayake	- Promotion of National Heritage, Performing Arts and Rural Artists
13. Janaka Wakkumbura	- Development of Sugarcane, Maize, Cashew, Pepper, Cinnamon, Cloves, Betel Production and Promotion of Allied Products and Export



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| 14. Vijitha Berugoda Universities | - Dhamma Schools, Bhikku Education, Pirivenas and Buddhist                                                                                          |
| 15. Shehan Semasinghe             | - Development of Samurdhi Home Economy, Microfinance, Self-Employment and Businesses and Under-Utilized State Resources                             |
| 16. Mohan de Silva                | - Regulation of Fertilizer Production and Supply, use of Chemical Fertilizers and Pesticides                                                        |
| 17. Lohan Ratwatte                | - Gem and Jewelry related Industries                                                                                                                |
| 18. Dilum Amunugama               | - Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Carriages and Automotive Industries                                                                |
| 19. Wimalaweera Dissanayake       | - Wildlife Conservation Protection Programmes including Electric Fence and Ditch Construction and Re-Forestation and Wildlife Resources Development |
| 20. Tharaka Balasooriya           | - Regional Cooperation                                                                                                                              |
| 21. Indika Anurudda               | - Rural Home Construction and Building Materials Industry Promotion                                                                                 |
| 22. Kanchana Wijesekera           | - Ornamental Fish, Freshwater Fish and Shrimp Farming Development, Multi-day Fishing and Fish Export                                                |
| 23. Sanath Nishantha              | - Development of Rural and Regional Drinking Water Supply Projects                                                                                  |
| 24. Siripala Gamlath              | - Development of Common Infrastructure Facilities of Settlements and Canals in Mahaweli Zones                                                       |
| 25. Sarath Weerasekara            | - Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs                                                                                                  |
| 26. Anuradha Jayaratne            | - Development of Rural Paddy Fields and Associated Tanks, Reservoirs and Irrigation                                                                 |
| 27. Sadasivam Viyalendran         | - Professional Development of Postal Services and Mass Media                                                                                        |
| 28. Thenuka Vidanagamage          | - Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Promotion                                                                                                  |
| 29. Sisira Jayakody               | - Promotion of Indigenous Medicine, Development of Rural Ayurvedic Hospitals and Community Health                                                   |
| 30. Piyal Nishantha de Silva      | - Women and Child Development, Pre-School and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and School Services                                          |
| 31. Prasanna Ranaweera            | - Cane, Brass, Clay Furniture and Rural Industry Promotion                                                                                          |
| 32. D. V. Chanaka                 | - Development of Aviation and Export Zones                                                                                                          |
| 33. D. B. Herath                  | - Livestock and Farm Promotion and Dairy and Eggs Related Industries                                                                                |
| 34. Shasheendra Rajapaksa         | - Paddy and Cereals, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chillies, Onions and Potatoes, Seed Production and High Tech Agriculture                     |

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| 35. Nalaka Godahewa<br>Public Sanitation | - Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and |
| 36. Jeewan Thondaman                     | - Estate Housing and Community Infrastructure Facilities    |
| 37. Ajith Nivard Cabraal                 | - Finance and Capital Markets and Public Enterprise Reforms |
| 38. Seetha Arambepola<br>Innovation      | - Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and    |
| 39. Channa Jayasumana                    | - Pharmaceutical Production, Supply and Regulation          |

**Cabinet Ministers:**

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|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1. His Excellency President Gotabaya Rajapaksa    | - Defence                                  |
| 2. Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa                         | - Finance                                  |
| 3. Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa<br>Affairs              | - Buddha Sasana, Religious and Cultural    |
| 4. Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa                         | - Urban Development and Housing            |
| 5. Nimal Siripala De Silva                        | - Labour                                   |
| 6. G.L Pieris                                     | - Education                                |
| 7. Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi                     | - Health                                   |
| 8. Dinesh Gunawardana                             | - Foreign Relations                        |
| 9. Douglas Devananda                              | - Fisheries                                |
| 10. Gamini Lokuge                                 | - Transport                                |
| 11. Bandula Gunawardana                           | - Trade                                    |
| 12. R.M.C.B. Rathnayake                           | - Wildlife and Forest Conservation         |
| 13. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon<br>Local Government | - Public Services, Provincial Councils and |
| 14. Keheliya Rambukwella                          | - Mass Media                               |
| 15. Chamal Rajapaksa                              | - Irrigation                               |
| 16. Dullas Alahapperuma                           | - Power                                    |
| 17. Johnston Fernando                             | - Highways                                 |
| 18. Wimal Weerawansa                              | - Industries                               |
| 19. Mahinda Amaraweera                            | - Environment                              |
| 20. S.M. Chandrasena                              | - Land                                     |
| 21. Mahindananda Aluthgamage                      | - Agriculture                              |
| 22. Vasudeva Nanayakkara                          | - Water Supply                             |
| 23. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila                     | - Energy                                   |
| 24. Ramesh Pathirana                              | - Plantation                               |
| 25. Prasanna Ranatunga                            | - Tourism                                  |
| 26. Rohitha Abeygunawardena                       | - Ports and Shipping                       |
| 27. Namal Rajapaksa                               | - Youth and Sports Affairs                 |
| 28. PC Ali Sabry                                  | - Justice                                  |