



Women Members of Parliament from 1931 - 2004



| <div style="background-color: #808080; color: white; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center;"> 1 FIRST STATE COUNCIL </div> | <div style="background-color: #808080; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">1931-1935 (4 years)</div> |
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| <p>Mrs. Adline Molamure (Ruwanwella) (Mrs. Molamure was the first woman to be elected to the legislature- by-Election)</p> <p>http://www.parliament.lk/handbook_of_parliament/lady_members.jsp</p> |  |
| <p>Mrs. Naysun Saravanamuttu (Colombo North), by-Election</p> | |
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| <div style="background-color: #808080; color: white; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center;"> 2 SECOND STATE COUNCIL </div> | <div style="background-color: #808080; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">1936-1947 (11 years)</div> |
| <p>Mrs. Naysun Saravanamuttu (Colombo North)</p> | |
| <div style="background-color: #808080; color: white; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center;"> 3 FIRST PARLIAMENT (HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES) </div> | <div style="background-color: #808080; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">1947-1952 (5 years)</div> |
| <p>Mrs. Florence Senanayake (Kiriella)</p> <p>Florence Senanayake was the first female Member of <u>Parliament</u> (MP, 1947) in <u>Sri Lanka</u> (formerly Ceylon). She was elected to the Kiriella seat. Contesting from the LSSP she polled 5,535 votes in a constituency with a total voting strength of 30,307</p> |  |
| <p>Mrs. Kusumasiri Gunawardene (Avisawella)-by-Election</p> <p>She is the founder member of the Suriya Mal Movement and the first lady member elected to Parliament uncontested.</p> |  |
| <p>Mrs. Tamara Kumarillangaratne (Kandy)- by-Election</p> | |

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SECOND PARLIAMENT (HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES)

1952 - 1956

Mrs. Kusumsirigunawardene (Avisawella)



Mrs. Doreen Wickramasinghe (Akuressa)



1. THIRD PARLIAMENT (HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES)

1956 - 1959

Mrs. Vivienne Goonewardene (Colombo North)






Mrs. Kusumsiri Gunawardena (Kiriella)



Mrs. Vimala Wijewardene (Mirigama)

Mrs. Kusuma Rajarathna (Welimada)- By –Election








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| 6 | FOURTH PARLIAMENT (HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES) |
| | March - April 1960 |
| Mrs.WimalaKannangara (Goligomuwa) |  |
| Mrs.KusumaRajaratna (Uva - Pranagama) | |
| Mrs.SomaWickramanayake (Dehiowita) | |
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| 2. FIFTH PARLIAMENT (HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES) | July 1960 - 1964 |
| Mrs.KusumaRajaratna (Uva - Paranagama) | |
| Mrs.SomaWickramanayake (Dehiowita) | |
| Mrs.VivienneGoonewardene (Borella)- by – Election |  |
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| 3. SIXTH PARLIAMENT (HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES) | 1965 - 1970 |
| Mrs.SirimaR.D.Bandaranaike (Attanagalla) |  |
| Mrs.SivagamieObeysekere (Mirigama) | |
| Mrs.WimalaKannangara (Galigamuwa) |  |
| Mrs.KusumaRajaratna (Uva - Paranagama) | |

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| Mrs.LeticiaRajapakse (Dodangaslanda)- by - Election | |
| Mrs.MallikaRatwatte (Balangoda)- by – Election |  |
| 4. SEVENTH PARLIAMENT (HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES) & FIRST NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY | (1970 - 1972) / (1972 - 1977) |
| Mrs.KusalaAbhayavardhana (Borella) | |
| Mrs.SirimaR.D.Bandaranaike (Attanagalla) |  |
| Mrs.VivienneGoonewardene (Dehiwala - Mt.Lavinia) |  |
| Mrs.TamaraKumariIllangaratne (Galagedara) | |
| Mrs.SivagamieObeysekera (Mirigama) http://www.sundayobserver.lk/2003/07/06/fea19.html |  |
| Mrs.MallikaRatwatte (Balangoda) http://alfredratwattefamily.lk/Welcome.html |  |
| 5. SECOND NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY & FIRST PARLIAMENT OF THE D.S.R. OF SRI LANKA | (1977 - 1978) / (1978 - 1989) |

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| Mrs. Sirima R.D. Bandaranaike (Attanagalla) |  |
| Miss. Renuka Herath (Walapane) |  |
| Mrs. Wimala Kannangara (Galigamuwa) Mrs. Wimala Kannangara was sworn in as Minister of Shipping and Aviation and Tourism. |  |
| Mrs. Amara Piyaseeli Ratnayake (Wariyapola) |  |
| Mrs. Sunethra Ranasinghe (Dehiwala) - by - Election Under J. R. Jayewardene in 1980 the Health Ministry was brought under Sunethra Ranasinghe in 1983 and subsequently she was placed in-charge of the newly created Ministry of Women's Affairs and Teaching Hospitals. |  |
| Miss. Srurangi Daniel (Hewaheta) | Nominated |
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| <p>6. SECOND NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY & FIRST PARLIAMENT OF THE D.S.R. OF SRI LANKA</p> <p>The 9th Parliament or National State Assembly was constituted in 1989 with the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution. The number of members increased to 225 with 196 elected and 29 on the National List occupying parliamentary seats.</p> | (1977 - 1978) / (1978 - 1989) |
| Mrs. Ranganayaki Pathmanathan (Pottuvil - Second) | Nominated |
| Miss. Daya Sepali Senadheera (Karadeniya) | Nominated |
| Mrs. Lohini Wijesiri (Harispaththuwa - Second) | Nominated |
| Miss. Keerthilatha Abeywickrama (Deniyaya) | Nominated |
| Mrs. Samantha Karunaratna (Rambukkana) | Nominated |
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| 7. SECOND PARLIAMENT OF THE D.S.R. OF SRI LANKA | 1989 - 1994 |
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| Mrs.SirimaR.D.Bandaranayaika* - SLFP (Gampaha) |  |
| Miss.SumithaPriyangeniAbeyweera* - SLFP (Kaluthara) | |
| Mrs.SujathaDharmawardana* - UNP (Puttalam) | |
| Mrs.RenukaHerath* - UNP (NuwaraEliya) |  |
| Mrs.SumedhaG.Jayasena* - SLFP (Moneragala) |  |
| Mrs.ChandraKarunarathna* - UNP (Badulla) | |
| Mrs.SamanthaKarunarathna* - UNP (Kegalla) | |
| Mrs.R.M.Pulendran* - UNP (Vanni) | |
| Mrs.SunethraRanasinghe* - UNP (Colombo) |  |
| Mrs.HemaRathnayake* - SLFP (Badulla) |  |
| Mrs.AmaraPiyaseeliRathnayake* -UNP (Kurunegala)*From 15.02.1989 |  |

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| Mrs.RupaSriyani Daniel** - UNP (National List), **From 13.12.1989 , | |
| Mrs.DayaAmaeakeerthi*** - SLFP (Galle) ***From 22.04.1993 | |
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| 8. THIRD PARLIAMENT OF THE D.S.R. OF SRI LANKA | 1994 - 2000 |
| Mrs.SirimaR.D.Bandaranaike - PA (National List) |  |
| Mrs.Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumarathunge*-PA (Gampaha) |  |
| Mrs.SumedhaG.Jayasena - PA (Monaragala) Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana (1994 - 1999) |  |
| Mrs.SumithaPriyanganiAbeyweera -PA (Kalutara) | |
| Mrs. NirupamaRajapaksha - PA(Hambantota) |  |

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| Mrs. PavithraVanniarachchi -PA (Ratnapura) |  |
| Mrs.SrimaneeAthulathmudali -PA (Colombo) |  |
| Mrs. Amara Dissanayake- UNP (National List) | |
| Mrs. RenukaHerath- UNP (NuwaraEliya) |  |
| Mrs. R.M. Pulendran UNP (Vanni) | |
| Mrs. Amara PiyaseeliRathnayake -UNP.(Kurunegala) |  |
| <p>Mrs. HemaRathnayake UNP (Badulla)</p> <p>Deputy Minister of Industries in the Chandrika Bandaranaike Government of 1994. In 1997 she was appointed Minister of Women’s Affairs.</p> <p>http://www.island.lk/2010/05/03/news12.html</p> |  |
| *Elected to the office of the Executive President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 12 November 1994 | |
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| 9. FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE D.S.R. OF SRI LANKA | 2000 - 2001 |

Hon. (Mrs.) SumedhaG.Jayasena -PA (Minister of Women Affairs)(Moneragala)



Hon. (Mrs.) PavithraVanniarachchi - PA (Minister of Plan implementation)(Monaragala)



Hon. (Mrs.)Ferial Ashraff - PA (Minister of Development and Construction of the Fast & Rural Housing)(Digamadulla)



Mrs.AmaraPiyaseeliRathnayake - UNP (Kurunagala)



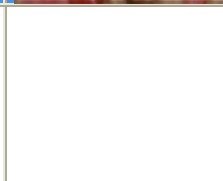
Mrs.SuranganiEllawala - PA (Ratnapura)



Mrs.SomakumariTennakoon - PA (Kurunegala)



Mrs.YuinneSriyani Fernando - PA (Puttalam)



Mrs.ChandraniBandaraJayasinghe - UNP (Anuradhapura)



Mrs.A.R.AnjanUmma -JVP (National List)
Abdul RahmanAnjanUmma
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A. R. Anjan Umma](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A._R._Anjan_Umma)



10. FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF THE D.S.R OF SRI LANKA

2001 - 2004

Hon (Mrs) Amara PiyaseeliRatnayake - UNP (Minister of Women Affairs)(Kurunegala)



Mrs.SumedhaG.Jayasena - PA (Moneragala)



Mrs.PavithraWanniarachchi - PA (Ratnapura)



Mrs.Ferial Ashraff, PA (Digamadulla)



Mrs.AnjanUmma - JVP (Gampaha)



Mrs.ChandraniBandaraJayasighe UNP (Anuradhapura)



Mrs.SomakumariTennakoon - PA (Kurunegala)



Mrs.Mary Larine Perera - UNP (Puttalam)



Mrs.Mallika De Mel - PA (Matara)

http://sundaytimes.lk/091101/Plus/plus_07.html
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/27766333@N08/4024868598/>



Mrs.ChithraSrimathiMantilake - UNP (Mahanuwara)

News about female members in 2003
<http://www.dailynews.lk/2003/03/11/fea05.html>

| 11. SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF THE D.S.R OF SRI LANKA | 2004 - 2009 |
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| <p>Hon.Mrs.SumedhaG.Jayasena -UPFA (Minister of Child Development and Women's Empowerment-2005 – 2010-Monaragala)</p> |  |
| <p>Hon.Mrs.Pavithra Devi Wanniarachchi - UPFA (Minister of Samurdhi and Poverty Alleviation) (Ratnapura)</p> |  |
| <p>Hon.Mrs.FerialAshraff - UPFA (Minister of Housing and Construction) (Digamadulla)</p> |  |
| <p>Mrs.AmaraPiyaseeliRatnayake - UNP (Kurunegala)</p> |  |
| <p>Mrs.Mary Larine Perera _UNP (Puttalam)</p> |  |
| <p>Mrs.ChandraniBandaraJayasinghe - UNP (Anuradhapura)</p> |  |

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| Mrs. SujathaAlahakoon - UPFA (Matale) |  | |
| Mrs.ThalathaAthukorale - UNP (Ratnapura) |  | |
| Mrs.PathminiSithamparanthan - ITAK , IlankaiThamilArasuKatchi (ITAK)(Jaffna) | | |
| Mrs.ThangashwariKathiraman - ITAK , IlankaiThamilArasuKatchi (ITAK)(Batticaloa) | | |
| Mrs.A.D.AnjanUmma _UPFA (Gampaha) AnjanaUmma was the first Muslim lady to enter the Parliament |  | |
| Mrs.NirupamaRajapakse -UNPFA (From 25 November 2005) (Hambantota) |  | |
| Mrs.RenukaHerath - UNP (From 30 January 2006) (NuwaraEliya) |  | |
| Female Representation in Parliament = 13/225 | | |
| 12. Seventh Parliament of The Democratic Socialist Republic Of Sri Lanka | | 2010 -to date |

Hon.Mrs.SumedhaG.Jayasena-UPFA (Minister of Parliamentary Affairs ,
Monaragala)

<http://www.minparliament.gov.lk>



Hon.Mrs.Pavithra Devi Wanniarachchi - UPFA (Minister) (Ratnapura)



Mrs.SriyaniWijewickrama- UPFA (Digamadulla)



Mrs.ChandraniBandaraJayasinghe - UNP (Anuradhapura)



Mrs.ThalathaAthukorale - UNP (Ratnapura)



Mrs.VijayakalaMaheshwarn - UNP (Jaffna)



Dr (Mrs) SudarshaniFernandopulle - UPFA(Gampaha)



Hon.Mrs.NirupamaRajapakse -UPFA(Minister) (Hambantota)



Mrs. Rosy Senanayake - UNP (Colombo)



Ms.UpekshaSwarnamali - UNP (Gampaha)



Mrs. Kamala Ranatunga- UPFA (National List)



Mrs. MaliniFonseka - UPFA (National List)



Mrs.AnomaGamage -UNP (National List)



About seventh parliament,2010 onwards Articles on Women and Politics

http://www.sundaytimes.lk/100411/News/nws_17.html

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2010/05/08/fea05.asp>

<http://www.sundayobserver.lk/2010/04/11/spe06.asp>

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2010/04/01/fea21.asp>

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