

**COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**

08th May 2018, at 09.30 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. Announcements by the Chairman**
- II. Motion for Leave of Absence**
- III. Presentation of Papers**
- IV. Presentation of Committee Reports**
- V. Petitions**
- VI. Questions/ Interim Questions**

01. Question asked by Hon. Member Rose Fernando on 03.04.2018 from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/18/09)

- a) Separately and district-wise, how many are the students in Advanced Level/ Ordinary Level classes and other classes who having failed examinations, dropped out of school annually in the years of 2016 and 2017 from schools of Western Province?
- b) Have the education authorities identified due to which reasons do a maximum number of students drop out of schools? What are those reasons?
- c) When taken district-wise, compared with the number of students enrolled to Grade One during the aforementioned years, how much is the percentage of students who, after passing Advanced Level Examination, step in for higher education from schools of Western Province?
- d) Would you take action to form a system to utilize the contribution of students, who drop out of school or fail examinations, to province's economic development and give them opportunity to achieve their life-challenges?
- e) If not, why is that?

02. Question asked by Hon. Member Rose Fernando on 03.04.2018 from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Engineering Services, Law and Order, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Economic Promotion, Electricity and Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/18/10)

- a) Are you aware that large scale buildings in Western Province which have not obtained approval at local government authority level are being constructed throughout the province without whatsoever approval but stating that they belong to Urban Development Authority?
- b) Do you know that some local government authorities give scant attention to these large scale buildings on the opinion that these buildings do not belong to their purview?
- c) Would you assign guidelines to local government authorities to take action legally with regard to such constructions?
- d) Would you take action to obtain reports from local government authorities in relation to such large scale constructions which have already been constructed?
- e) If not, why is that?

03. Question asked by Hon. Member Rose Fernando on 03.04.2018 from the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land, Irrigation, Fisheries, Animal Production and Health and Agrarian Development (Q/VI(1)/18/11)

- a) By what percentage does the paddy crop received from the paddy fields of Western Province contribute to the consumption of people of Western Province?
- b) How many are the paddy field extent in Hectares to be cultivated in order to obtain a paddy yield to sufficiently serve for the consumer needs of people of Western Province?
- c) How many are the fallow paddy field extent in Hectares which are not yet being cultivated within the Western Province?
- d) What is the method proposed by you to arrange the fallow paddy fields, which are being covered in weeds for over many years, to cater to food requirements of people of the area?
- e) Would you take action to upgrade Western Province as an exemplary Province that had achieved self-sufficiency in food by utilizing the resources owned by the Province?
- f) If not, why is that?

04. Question asked by Hon. Member Susil Kindelpitiya from the Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services, Women's Affairs and Council Affairs at the time of Council Adjournment on 03.04.2018 (Q/VI(1)/18/ADG01)

- a) What are the recruitments made by Provincial Ministry of Health during the years of 2017 and 2018? How many appointments by each designation?
- b) How many appointments were made to Provincial hospitals in year 2017 as substitute or temporary Health Aid Assistants? Would you explain the recruitment procedure?
- c) Will more Health Aid Assistants be recruited to service in Provincial hospitals in year 2018? How many are they? On what basis will they be recruited?
- d) When a group of Health Aid Assistants has been appointed temporarily and deployed in service, would Health Aid Assistants be recruited to permanent service?

05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology (Q/VI(1)/18/12)

- a) Are you aware that a number of problems have arisen due to chaotic administration in WP/ GM/ Yakkala Chandrajothi Vidyalaya which was a popular school in Gampaha Education Zone?
- b) Are you aware that the modus-operandi of several teachers supportive to the Principal of the said school affects students' academic affairs as well as extra -curricular affairs?
- c) Do you know that instead of deploying the teachers properly in respected duties, the Principal of the said school spend time idling with the teachers supportive to him?
- d) Would you mention to the Council as to the measures that will be taken by you to solve the administrative problem of the said school?
- e) Would you mention to the Council as to the measures taken by you to properly carry out students' academic affairs as well as extra -curricular affairs? Also, would you mention to this Council as to the measure will be taken by you to properly maintain the discipline of the relevant school?
- f) If not, why is that?

06. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development (Q/VI(1)/18/13)

- a) Do you know that the drainage system in front of WP/Kel /Heenkenda Primary school has been constructed by Road Development Authority in Wattala Divisional Secretariat?
- b) Would you inform to this Council as to the name of the constructor who constructed the drainage system?
- c) As the said project has not been completed on time, do you know that the children of the adjoining school have faced accidents?
- d) Would you mention to the Council as to what action would be taken against the contractor who constructed the drainage system erratically and what action would be taken by you to construct the said drainage system properly?
- e) If not, why is that?

07. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development (Q/VI(1)/18/14)

- a) Do you accept that a building devoid of standards has been constructed by Kochchikade Cooperative Credit Lending Urban Bank somewhere near year 2008?
- b) Do you know that the said building has been confirmed as a building devoid of standards by the report of Institute of Engineering Technology?
- c) Do you know that Mr. R. K. Sumanarathne, Cooperative Societies Inspector residing at that time at No. 109, Dangahadeniya, Hiswella, Kirindiwela has conducted an investigation on 02.07.2008 under No. 47/1 of Cooperative Societies Statute about irregularities and financial misuse carried out by the said Society while constructing the building?
- d) Would you take action to table Mr. R. K. Sumanarathne's investigation report?
- e) Would you inform to this Council as to what action would be taken by you to take legal action against the persons who are responsible regarding irregularities and financial misuse carried out while constructing the relevant building?
- f) If not, why is that?

VII. Personal Explanations

VIII. Statements on Breach of Privileges

**IX. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of
the Ministers/ Replies of Breach of Privileges**

X. Public Affairs

01. Hon. Isura Devapriya - Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Engineering Services, Law and Order, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Economic Promotion, Electricity and Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism Affairs (W.P.)

Motion:

By-law relating to sewerage within Colombo Municipal Council Area of Authority

“By-law relating to sewerage within Colombo Municipal Council Area of Authority” formulated under Section 267 of Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter 252) by Colombo Municipal Council,

approved as per powers entrusted to me under Section 268 of Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter 252) read with Clause 2 of Provincial Councils (Consequential) Provisions Act No. 12 of 1989 as the Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Engineering Services, Law and Order, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Economic Promotion, Electricity and Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism Affairs,

is hereby presented to this Provincial Council while proposing: “this Western Province Provincial Council proposes that these by-laws shall be adopted under Section 268 of Municipal Councils Ordinance, (Chapter 252) read with Clause 2 of Provincial Councils (Consequential) Provisions Act No. 12 of 1989”.

XI. Private Members' Affairs

01. Hon. Member Rose Fernando :

According to the accepted law of this country, jurisdiction of a functioning court should be published by a Gazette notification by the Minister of Justice in consultation with the Judicial Services Commission and the Chairman of Court of Appeal as per Clause (2) of Judicature Act. Such legal provision has been provided as the above mentioned persons and institutions constantly obtain a good understanding about how the existing courts function and the practical problems arising in them. However, recently, occasions have been noted where action has been taken without following the said due procedure when demarcating jurisdictions. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council requests from the Government to subject all such demarcations to a re-evaluation in a manner augmenting the public trust on the judiciary and take action to rectify within the legal framework, if any error has taken place. **(M/VI/(1)/17/12)**

XII. Adjournment of the Council

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