

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

23rd June 2015, at 09.30 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. Announcements by the Chairman**
- II. Presentation of Papers**
- III. Presentation of Committee Reports**
- IV. Petitions**
- V. Questions**

01. Question asked by Hon. Member Ravindra Yasas Kumanayake on 09.06.2015 from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information and Trade Affairs.

(Q/VI(1)/15/22)

- a) For how many officers in the Education Administrative Service who served in Western Provincial Ministry of Education and Institutions of the department were given with duty free vehicle permits in years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015?
- b) Would you present those officers' name list including their National Identity Card numbers and dates of birth to this Provincial Council?
- c) If not, why is that?

02. Question asked by Hon. Member M. Rose Fernando on 09.06.2015 from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information and Trade Affairs.

(Q/VI(1)/15/23)

- a) Is the Director of Education in the Negombo Education Zone a person who has fulfilled qualifications relevant to the said position?
- b) Do you accept the fact that the decision was taken to assign the said post to this Education Director by sidestepping the persons who are properly qualified to the said post?
- c) What are the educational qualifications of the Zonal Education Director of Negombo?
- d) Did you take measures to appoint a qualified person in place of this person?
- e) If not, why is that?

03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information and Trade Affairs.

(Q/VI(1)/15/24)

- a) I. Are you aware that the buildings and close to 2/3 of the land of WP/Kel/ Krishthuraja Vidyalaya has been leased out to Lions Club International District 306/B?
- II. Do you know that the said lease period has elapsed in last year?
- III. Do you accept that Western Provincial Assistant Director of Education on 14.03.2015 and Assistant Director of Education in Kelaniya Zone (School Administration and Services) on 16.02.2015 have recommended to reassign this land and buildings back to the school?
- b) I. Due to which reason has action not been taken to reassign this land and building back to the school amidst continuous requests by the parents, principals and Education Officers?
- II. As only 20 Perch land extent is remaining at present to conduct the Primary Section of the school and buildings are dilapidated, why isn't action being taken to assign this land and buildings back to the school?

04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information and Trade Affairs.

(Q/VI(1)/15/25)

- a) I. How many parallel classes are there in Grade 3 of the Karunarathna Buddhist Primary School in Kelaniya Education Zone?
- II. How many students are there in those classes?
- b) I. Has it been reported to you that all the personal files of these students (including the Birth Certificate) have been misplaced?
- II. Are you aware that the Principal of this school has convened a parents' meeting of Grade 3 children of this school on 08.06.2015 and informed them that all the Birth Certificates of these children have become misplaced therefore to obtain Birth Certificates again from the Divisional Secretariat and hand over them to school?
- III. If that has actually happened, would take measures to investigate into this matter and take action against the persons responsible?

VI. Motions for Leave of Absence

**VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of
the Ministers**

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Private Members' Affairs

1. Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe:

“At present, within the Western Province, fees are being charged from school children and parents from time to time. Collecting money from children’s parents when children are enrolled to Grade One, Grade Six and Grade Twelve as well as for other requirements in classes have put them in greater difficulties. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council holds the opinion that levying fees (except Facilities Fees) from school children’s parents of the Western Province should be suspended.”
(M/vi (01)/14/09)

2. Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi:

“Being a process that oppress children and parents both, there is a necessity to change the present procedure followed in enrolling students to Grade 1 in Western Provincial schools. To achieve that, this Western Province Provincial Council holds the view that filling all the vacancies prior to elapsing of one month from the date of children’s enrollment to schools, by making the Provincial Council receive the name list of children of persons employed in Security Forces prior to elapsing of 3 weeks from the date of children’s enrollment to schools, cancelling the enrollment of children according to the list presented by ruling party members, preparing a permanent register in chronological order according to the marks received by each child participating in the interview and taking measures to enroll children to schools according to the order of marks received by them should be implemented and thereby enrollments to Grade 1 in schools of Western Province should be regularized, while, ensuring at the same time for the people of the Province the human right that should be there to enroll a child to a school.” (M/vi (01)/14/10)

X. Adjournment of the Council

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