

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

19<sup>th</sup> June 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 Nandana Pathmakumara on 05.06.2018 from the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land, Irrigation, Fisheries, Animal Production and Health and Agrarian Development (Q/VI(1)/18/21)**

- a) (i) What is the total land extent of paddy fields in Western Province in years of 2015 and 2016?  
(ii) What is its extent at district level?
- b) (i) What is the extent of fallow paddy fields remaining in the years of 2015 and 2016 in Western Province ?  
(ii) What is its extent at district level?
- c) (i) What is the extent of cultivated paddy fields of Western Province in the years of 2015 and 2016?  
(ii) What is its extent at district level?

**02. Question asked by Hon. Member Upali Kodikara on 05.06.2018 from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology at the time of Council Adjournment.**

**(Q/VI(1)/18/ADG-02)**

- a) How many classrooms are there at Grade One in Samudra Devi Vidyalaya?
- b) How many student-vacancies are there in the said classes of Grade One?

- c) How many vacancies among them have already been filled?
- d) How have those vacancies filled?
- e) How many vacancies are remaining? How will those vacancies be filled?

**03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Rose Fernando from the Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development (Q/VI(1)/18/23)**

- a) In addition to the passenger transport permits issued already for Colombo, Gampaha and Kalutara districts of Western Province, how many passenger transport permits have been issued anew for year 2018 according to districts?
- b) For which routes is that?
- c) By issuing new permits thus, do you know that a situation where constant quarrels in roads of Western Province occur when operating buses?
- d) What are the names and addresses of persons who have been issued with these new permits?
- e) Do you know that these route permits have been issued at a time when there is an excess of buses in roads?
- f) Are you able to prevent these conflicting situations that have arisen while operating buses in roads?
- g) If not, why is that?

**04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Rose Fernando 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)/18/24)**

- a) How much is the amount allocated for Phase One of the partially completed Community Hall located in the land belonging to Katana Pradeshiya Sabha at Silva Place No. 70/B in Katana Divisional Secretariat?
- b) Who is the constructor who accepted the construction of the Community Hall through the financial provisions allocated?
- c) What is the name of the Technical Officer who supervised the said constructions?

- d) How much is the amount of money allocated for the Second Phase of the said construction? By which ministry?
- e) What is the name of the Technical Officer who supervised those affairs?
- f) Do you accept the fact that the construction work of the said First Phase has been made without proper standard?
- g) Would you conduct an inquiry into the constructions relating to the above building and present to this Council as to the true condition of the said constructions?
- h) If not, why is that?

**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 at the time of Council Adjournment.**

**(Q/VI(1)/18/25)**

- a) Would you inform to the Council as to how much time has elapsed since the vacancy created in the Principal's post of Gnanodaya Madya Maha Vidyalaya in Divulapitiya of Minuwangoda Education Zone?
- b) Are you aware that the administration of the said school has become chaotic due to the absence of a Principal in the said school?
- c) Would you inform the Council the reasons for not legally appointing a Principal to the said school?
- d) Would you take an action about appointing a Principal to the said school?
- e) If not, why is that?

**06. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe 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)/18/26)**

- a) Do you accept the fact that the land belonging to Wattala-Mabola Urban Council in which the Melco Oxygen Company is maintained has been leased out to the said company for a period of 30 years and already 15 years have elapsed from it?
- b) Do you know that the said land is planned to be sold to the said company by Wattala Mabola Pradeshiya Sabha?

- c) Do you know that affairs are being taken to sell the said land to Melco Company at a very low price although a Perch in the area is sold to a price of 4.5 to 5.0 Million Rupees?
- d) Would you inform to the Council as to the action that will be taken by you against the selling of the said land with an extent of 161 Perches?
- 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)/18/27)**

- a) Would you explain to this Council as to what purpose does the part of the road adjacent to the fly-over of the Highway in the road (Welikadamulla Road) running from Mabola to Enderamulla in Wattala Divisional Secretariat is being demolished and removed?
- b) Would you inform to this Council as to who gave permission to the Road Development Authority to demolish the said part; based on what reason?
- c) Do you accept the fact that owing to the demolition of that part, the area is liable to go under water even during a minor flood situation?
- d) As there is an opposition by people of the area regarding demolition of that part, would you inform to the Council regarding the action would be taken by you to solve this problem?
- e) If not, why is that?

**08. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Sunil Watagala 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)/18/28)**

- a) How many Pump Stations are there within the Colombo Municipal Council area of Authority?
- b) During which era did the said stations were established?
- c) Is a tax relating to sewerage being charged from the people of Colombo Municipal Council Area of Authority?
- d) Has the Colombo Municipal Council made plans to charge such a tax?
- e) Could you present to this Council as to what that plan is?

**09. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Sunil Watagala 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)/18/29)

- a) What are the types of taxes charged by the Colombo Municipal Council from the people living in Colombo Municipal Council Area of Authority?
- b) Could you illustrate separately the amounts collected for each type of taxes during the last year (2017)? If so, how much is that?

**10. Question asked by Hon. Member Sunil Watagala 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)/18/30)

- a) Has a repairing of a toilet system in the Mayor's official Residence belonging to the Colombo Municipal Council been carried out after the appointment of current Mayor?
- b) If so, can the expenditure estimate relevant to it be presented to the Council?
- c) Do you accept that the said estimate is excessive, in comparison to the repairing carried out?

## **VII. Personal Explanations**

## **VIII. Statements on Breach of Privileges**

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

## **X. Private Members' Affairs**

**01. Hon. Member Rose Fernando :**

"At present, from the elderly person to small child suffers from non-communicable diseases, and there is a tendency towards speedy increase of those illnesses. Partaking of food containing chemicals, lack of physical exercise due to reliance on technical equipment have been identified as reasons for the continual growth on this situation. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council is in the opinion that a school level programme should be implemented by the Provincial Ministry of Education and

Provincial Ministry of Health in collaboration to save the younger generation from this menace, who actually are the ones to accept the future of this country.”

(M/VI(1)/18/02)

**02. Hon. Member Nirosha Athukorala :**

“Owing to the Separatist terrorism existed in Sri Lanka for more than 30 years, nearly One Hundred Thousand human lives were lost and a huge economic and social degeneration took place. As a result of the said separatist terrorism, the opportunity available for Sri Lanka to achieve the benefits of development as a prosperous country were lost and it even had to fall under the influence of foreign countries. By putting an end to that unruly era, armed forces of Sri Lanka and Police with the support of all the patriotic people of the country could defeat the separatist terrorism. This Western Province Provincial Council is in the opinion that to commemorate our patriotic heroes of armed forces who sacrificed their lives and who became disabled permanently, as well as, unarmed people of Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim ethnic groups who were faced with similar fate due to these conflicting war, 18<sup>th</sup> of May on which date the said armed terrorism was totally defeated should be named as ‘War heroes commemoration date for national reconciliation’ and the said commemoration should be held with dignity without prejudice to any ethnic community”.

(M/VI(1)/18/03)

**XI. Adjournment of the Council**

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