

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

03rd July 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 19.06.2018 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?

02. Question asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe on 19.06.2018 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)/18/25)

- 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?

03. Question asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe on 19.06.2018 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)/18/26)

- 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?

04. Question asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe on 19.06.2018 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?

05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Nirosha Athukorala from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/18/31)

- a) How many are the number of students who sat for GCE (O/L) Examination in year 2017 from Negombo Education Zone?
- b) How many are the students of Provincial Schools among them?
- c) How many are the number of students who passed in or failed in GCE (O/L) Examination in year 2017 in Negombo Education Zone?
- d) How many are the failed number of students in year 2017 in relation to year 2016?
- e) How many are the students who have failed in the mathematics subject in GCE (O/L) Examination of year 2017 in Negombo Education Zone?
- f) How many are the number of students who failed in mathematics in year 2017 in relation to year 2016?

06. Question to be asked by Hon. Member M.S.M. Fairouz from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/18/32)

- a) Does a distribution of dates by your ministry's mediation to Muslim mosques take place during the Ramazan fasting season?

- b) When did that project commence?
- c) How much is the money allocated annually to distribute dates and the amount of dates distributed separately?
- d) What are the mosques to which dates were provided in each year and how much is the amount of dates distributed to them separately?
- e) What is the methodology to select mosques when distributing dates?
- f) What is the procedure for purchasing dates for the said project and what are the institutions from which dates were purchased in each year?
- g) What is the post inquiry confirmation whether the relevant dates were received by the relevant mosques?

07. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Ashoka Sapumal Ranwala from the Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/18/33)

- a) Would you inform to the Council as to how many employees were recruited by the Western Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority from year 2015 up to date?
- b) Would you enlighten this Council as to the procedure followed in when such recruitments were made and whether proper qualified persons were recruited?
- c) Would you inform to this Council whether those employees were provided with holiday allowance from year 2015 onwards and if not provided, on which reason was that?
- d) Would you inform to the Council whether money was deposited in Employees' Provident Fund and Trust Fund on behalf of those employees, if not deposited due to which reason was that? If deposited, how much money has been deposited by now?
- e) If not, why is that?

08. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Ashoka Sapumal Ranwala from the Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/18/34)

- a) Would you explain to the Council as to on what basis was priority was given to Mr. B.N.S. Karunachandra, Administrative Officer (Operations) of Colombo 01 office of Western Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority at the time he was appointed to the said position when more qualified persons than him were present?
- b) Persons who were qualified to be selected to the said position have made a complaint to the Human Rights Commission and would you inform the Council as to why action was not taken as per the said report?

- c) As a result of his modus-operandi, the employees of the said institution have made a complaint to the Regional Manager on 05.12.2015 and would you inform the Council as to why justice was not made to the said complaint?
- d) Would you inform to the Council as to what action would be taken against that officer who is not suitable to the said position and what action would be taken to mete out justice to the persons who have fulfilled qualifications?
- e) 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. Private Members' Affairs

01. Hon. 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, 18th 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)

02. Hon. Member Sunil Watagala :

“When human lives including the total environment faced destruction by the collapse of the garbage dumps such as Bloemendhal, Meethotamulla and Karadiyana, the responsible authorities exaggeratedly stated that permanent solutions would be searched for them and action will be taken to prevent such mishaps. They said that Meethotamulla and Bloemendhal garbage dumps will be turned into urban parks. However, the said garbage dumps remain as they were. There is no long term programme. When the Kelani River overflows annually, the people inundated will be consoled temporarily by distributing among them some dry rations or a packet of rice. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council proposes that long term solutions should be presented by the ministries in charge of each such destruction. (M/VI/(1)/18/04)

XI. Adjournment of the Council

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