

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

07th August 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 Sunil Watagala 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)/18/28)

- 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?

02. Question asked by Hon. Member Sunil Watagala 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)/18/29)

- 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?

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

- 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?

04. Question asked by Hon. Member Upali Kodikara on 17.07.2018 from the Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/18/35)

- a) How many vacancies are there in the post of Regional Manager MM 1-1 in the Transport Authority? In which places are they?
- b) For how long do the said vacancies exist?
- c) What has happened to those vacancies currently?
- d) How many vacancies are there in the post of Regional Manager MM 1-1 (acting) in the Transport Authority??
- e) How are appointments made to that post?
- f) Are you aware of the fact that these appointments have been suspended by Hon. Governor?
- g) Do you know that Hon. Governor has given instructions to conduct a new interview and award appointments? Why are not those instructions implemented?
- h) As the interview conducted earlier was illegal, how was only one person, i.e., Mr. Chanaka , the manager of Homagama given the said post?
- i) Why those appointments are not suspended based on Hon. Governor's order?

05. Question asked by Hon. Member Susil Kindelpitiya on 17.07.2018 from the Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/18/37)

- a) How many employees were recruited to the Road Passenger Transport Authority subsequent to your appointment as the minister in purview of the subject?
- b) For which posts were the said appointments made?
- c) On which basis were the relevant appointments (permanent, temporary, contract, substitute or other) made?
- d) Can you explain the recruitment procedure?
- e) Do you agree that some have not fulfilled qualifications according to the prescribed recruitment procedure? 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)/18/38)

- a) Would you inform to the Council as to how much money was allocated to newly constructed First Bridge in the road running from Horape to Heenkenda in Wattala Divisional Secretariat which was constructed by the money of Wattala Pradeshiya?
- b) Would you inform the Council as to the length of the side wall as per the plan of the said bridge and in which length it was constructed?
- c) Do you know that the bridge and the sides have cracked by now, even before a lapse of one year of constructing the said bridge?
- d) As pot holes have been created on the sides of the said bridge at present, do you know that problematic situation arises when travelling on it?
- e) What action would be taken against the persons who constructed the said bridge for failing to complete the said project successfully?
- f) 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)/18/39)

- a) Do you accept that an irregular drain system has been constructed in the road leading to Walpola from Kurusa Junction of Thewatte, Ragama in Ja-ela Divisional Secretariat?
- b) Do you accept that the said drains overflow during a minor rain even causing severe difficulties to the people living around?
- c) Would an inquiry be held regarding irregular construction of the drains in the said road?
- d) Would you inform to this Council as to the action be taken against relevant persons if any irregularity has taken place. ?
- e) Would you explain to the Council as to the action would be taken by you to construct the said drain, which inconvenience the people of the said area, in proper manner?
- f) If not, why is that?

08. Question to be asked by Hon. Member K.D. Aruna Deepal 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)/18/40)

- a) What action has been taken up to now regarding establishment of Provincial Valuation Department (W.P.) according to a private member motion adopted by the Council which proposed that an Valuation Department for Western Province shall be established?
- b) As per the said procedure, is there a possibility to establish the Provincial Valuation Department before the end of this year?
- c) If there is no possibility, what are the reasons for it?

09. 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)/18/41)

- a) Would you inform the Council whether teachers' salaries and promotions have commenced to be given by the Western Provincial Council according to circulars?
- b) Although several years have passed since the issuance of the circular, would you explain to the Council why teachers promotions and due salaries still get delayed?

- c) Though it has been informed what teachers' grades were promoted, why doesn't the salary stated therein or due money is not received?
- d) Would you explain to the Council whether the Western Provincial Council has deployed the money allocated for teachers' salaries in other projects?
- e) After giving the promotions and salaries were made accordingly, would you explain to the Council the reason why teachers don't get the salary they received up to now?
- f) Would you inform to the Council what action would be taken by you to solve this problem?
- g) If not, why is that?

10. 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)/18/42)

- a) Do you know that a building on concrete pillars, partially covering the Kekkagas Canal, has been constructed in Kindigoda village in Katana Divisional Secretariat ?
- b) Do you know that a feud has arisen among villagers as this place holds musical shows at night for young people and persuade them to use drug-tablets?
- c) Has this building been constructed on any approval from Katunayake- Seeduwa Urban Council or any accredited authority?
- d) Would you take action to demolish and remove this building if it has been built without legal approval and partially covering a public canal?
- e) If not, why is that?

11. 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)/18/43)

- a) Would you present separately and on yearly basis the 5% commission obtained during the last 5 years (from 2012 to 2017) in relation to the projects carried out in Rural Development Society of Udangawa Grama Niladhari division?
- b) Would you present to this Council the budget documents of five years up to year 2017 of the aforesaid Rural Development Society in this Grama Niladhari Division?
- c) Has an amount of Rupees 500,000/- been collected to purchase a land for the said Rural Development Society?

- d) Hasn't the purchasing of the said land taken place up to now?
- e) Who has retained the said money?
- f) How much is the 5% commission collected up to now on behalf of projects carried out in year 2018 by the said Rural Development Society?

VII. Motions of condolences.

01. Motion of condolences presented on behalf of the demise of Former Hon. Member of Western Province Provincial Council, Ashoka Dayarathne

“Former Hon. Member of the Provincial Council, Ashoka Dayarathne, who got selected as a Member to the sixth Provincial Council of the Western Province from Gampaha administrative district representing the Democratic Party and did a tremendous service for more than four years to the Western Province Provincial Council and its public, passed away recently.

The Western Province Provincial Council values the service rendered by him and expresses its deepest sympathies about his demise.”

(To be presented by the Hon. Leader of the House)

02. Motion of condolences presented on behalf of the demise of Former Hon. Member of Western Province Provincial Council, Nihal Jayawardhana

“Former Hon. Member of the Western Province Provincial Council, Nihal Jayawardhana, who got selected from Gampaha administrative district as a Member to the third Provincial Council representing the People's Alliance and to fourth and fifth Provincial Councils representing the United People's Freedom Alliance and did a tremendous service for around fifteen years to the Western Province Provincial Council and its public, passed away recently.

The Western Province Provincial Council values the service rendered by him and expresses its deepest sympathies about his demise.”

(To be presented by the Hon. Leader of the House)

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Statements on Breach of Privileges

X. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of

the Ministers/ Replies of Breach of Privileges

XI. Private Members' Affairs

01. 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)

02. Hon. Member Upali Kodikara :

“The number of schools for students with special needs which have been established at Zonal Education level in Western Province is around 182 and the number of students with special needs who receive education in such schools is 3713.

Although there is a student-aid system based on the results of Grade 5 Scholarship Examination is there for normal students of Government schools, also Mahapola Scholarship Programme for undergraduates; there is no student-aid system to provide for students with special needs.

Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council is in the opinion that some allowance or aid amount should be provided to students with special needs who are studying in schools for students with special needs in Western Province to encourage such children in their education.”

(M/VI/(1)/18/05)

XII. Adjournment of the Council

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