

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

04th September 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 21.08.2018 from Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/18/45)

- a) (I) Are you aware that funds worth Rs. 59 Crore of East Hewagam Koralaya (Hanwella) Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd. has been invested in a Private Finance Institution? If not why is that?
- (II) Has a problem relating to recovery of the interest and initial amount for the above money come up?
- (III) Has the pre-written approval been obtained from the Cooperative Development Registrar, to invest this money?
- (IV) If no such written approval has been obtained, what action would be taken by you, regarding that matter?
- b) (I) Has a proper search been made about the deployment of funds of this Multipurpose Cooperative Society (Hanwella) from 14.05.2018 onwards?
- (II) Have matters got revealed in annual auditing about investment of these funds?
- (III) Similarly, have matters got revealed in Monthly Progress Review Committee for Financial Regulation or in F 28 Monthly Operational Review Committee?

02. Question asked by Hon. Member Sunil Watagala on 21.08.2018 from Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/18/46)

- a) Do you know that the officers of East Hewagam Koralya (Hanwella) Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd. have functioned contrary to Section 41 of the Western Provincial Cooperative Societies Statute?
- b) If so, what future action would be taken regarding them?
- c) When was the Regional Committee Election of the relevant Society conducted for the final time?
- d) Do you therefore accept that the holding of election has been delayed by several years?
- e) Do you accept that action has not been taken as per Section 60 of the Cooperative Societies Statute even when such delay has occurred?

• **Questions asked at the time of Council Adjournment**

03. Question raised at the time of Council Adjournment on 21.08.2018 by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi to be asked 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/ADG - 04)

- a) Were tenders called for affairs including video recording within the Council Chamber and transmission facilities, new technology on vote taking and sound system installation in the new building of Provincial Council?
- b) According to the above tender what are the functions to be carried out?
- c) Who represented the Tender Board?
- d) What are the names of bidding institutions and prices?
- e) Which institution was selected?
- f) Which place did the selected institution occupy in the bidding list?
- g) What are the reasons to select that institution?
- h) Would you table a complete report relating to qualifications and prices presented by above institutions? If not why is that?

04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasingh from Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/18/49)

- a) Would you inform to the Council whether the procedure followed by the Provincial Council previously to pay to teachers half of the course fee of the Post-graduate Education Diploma Course followed by them, has been suspended?
- b) If It has not been suspended, do you accept that the said allowance is not paid to teachers of certain Education Zones?
- c) Would you inform on what basis has this payment been suspended in Piliyandala Education Zone from year 2006 onwards?
- d) Would you inform to the Council what action be taken by you to pay these money which was paid to motivate for an efficient service?
- e) If not why is that?

05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi from Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services, Women's Affairs and Council Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/18/50)

- a) What are the privileges and facilities allocated in addition to being a member to each office of Chief Government Whip, Leader of the House, Leader of the Opposition and Chief Opposition Whip?
- b) Would you inform separately as to the amount spent monthly on behalf of privileges and facilities of the said offices?
- c) What are the duties assigned to those offices?

06. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi from 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)/18/51)

- a) What is the total value of estimates prepared to construct completely the new building of Western Province with all facilities?
- b) According to the said estimates, in which areas work is pending?
- c) What is the total value of money spent for all the finished-work ?
- d) Would a completed report regarding in that regard be forwarded to the Council?

07. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Rajitha Hapuarachchige from Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land, Irrigation, Fisheries, Animal Production and Health and Agrarian Development. (Q/VI(1)/18/52)

- a) (i) Is a development project in operation to develop 600 farms under the programme of Sustainable Farm Development?
- (ii) Have the Animal Development Instructors being assigned responsibility to develop the said 600 farms?
- (iii) Have the Animal Development Instructors refused to carry out the said responsibility? If so, Why?

- b) (i) Does the implementation of the above project get delayed owing to a union action of Animal Development Officers ?
- (ii) Were you aware of the decisions given by Hon. Governor regarding the said union problems? What are those decisions?
- (iii) Why has the implementation of those decisions become delayed further?
- (iv) What action would be taken by you to implement the decisions and orders of Hon. Governor?

08. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Rajitha Hapuarachchige from Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land, Irrigation, Fisheries, Animal Production and Health and Agrarian Development. (Q/VI(1)/18/53)

- a) (i) According to the vision and mission of Department of Animal Production and Health, is there any responsibility to operate by them in terms of public health?
- (ii) Do you know that eradication of rabies dogs and sterilization surgeries have been taken-over by Department of Animal Production and Health?
- (iii) If such taking-over has happened, on which basis and reasons was that?

- b) (i) Do you accept the fact that eradication of rabies dogs and sterilization of dogs have so far being provided free of charge ?
- (ii) Does the Department of Animal Production and Health, at present, charge a fee for that?
- (iii) If levied a fee, on which basis is that ?
- (iv) Do you know the fact that the money levied in that manner by Provincial Council is reimbursed again to the relevant officers?
- (v) Do you accept the fact that by this procedure what actually happens is a group of people earn money from the public by indirectly utilizing state property and service time rendered to the state?

- (vi) What action would be taken by you to subject this service again under public health service and provide services to the public free of charge?

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. The statute presented by Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land, Irrigation, Fisheries, Animal Production and Health and Agrarian Development (W.P)

“Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Statute of Western Province No. 2018”

(First Reading)

A statute to allocate provisions for proper management of fisheries industry in coastline and internal tanks of Western Province, to take measures for welfare of fisheries community of Western Province, to supply fish and fish related products at a reasonable price for consumers of Western Province,

to establish a post of Provincial Fisheries Director in order to successfully accomplish the aforementioned affairs, to appoint an Advisory Council to maintain Fisheries affairs within the province and to allocate provisions for matters related or consequential to such.

02. The statute presented by Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land, Irrigation, Fisheries, Animal Production and Health and Agrarian Development (W.P)

“Agro Services Authority Amendment Statute of Western Province Provincial Council No. of 2018”

(First Reading)

[A statute to amend the Western Provincial Agro
Services Statute No. 01 of 2012]

XI. Private Members' Affairs

01. Hon. Member Gunasiri Jayanath:

“By the Bill to establish the Reparations Office, presented by Hon. Prime Minister to the Parliament, as a background where compensation to brutal terrorists will be created within a situation of allocating legal provisions to make a financial payment or provide material benefits to a person distressed by the armed conflict that took place in Northern and Eastern Provinces or as a result of it or connected to it or as an aftermath, construction of memorials and implementation memorial programmes on behalf of a person deceased owing to the above conflict, the grave disdain of this Western Province Provincial Council is expressed to the Government about this bill and the Western Province Provincial Council requests further from the Government to remove the relevant clauses of 27(b) (I), (a), instead, to include legal provisions that allocate provisions to pay compensation to people who were distressed by collapsing of Meethotamulla dump site, explosion of Salawa armed depository and natural disasters such as floods.”

(M/R110/VI(1)/18/03)

Connected to affairs of the Provincial Council
meeting held on 21.08.2018

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)

03. 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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