

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

18th 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 Mahinda Jayasingha on 04.09.2018 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?

02. Question asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 04.09.2018 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?

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

03. Question raised at the time of Council Adjournment on 04.09.2018 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 - 05)

- a) What is the total amount spent for the door by which the Hon. Chairman enters into the Council Chamber in the council hall of the new building of Western Provincial Council?
- b) Is there a separate estimate for the said door? How much is it?
- c) Was the creation of the said door assigned on a tender procedure?
- d) Accordingly, what institutions applied for the creation? What were the prices presented?
- e) What is the institution that created the door?

04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Sunil Watagala from Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/18/54)

- a) Are you aware that the route permit of buses which terminated operating for a period of one year should be obtained back to the Road Passenger Transport Authority?
- b) Would you table how many such identified buses were there in 2017 and up to now in this year?

- c) Can the above said identified number of buses be presented to the Council by way of a document consisting categorization from road to road?
- d) What is the procedure to be followed for the permits identified thus?
- e) If route permits have been sold out external to the said procedure, would an investigation be carried out regarding that?

05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Sunil Watagala from Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/18/55)

- a) Do you accept the fact that a Housing Aid amount of Twenty Thousand Rupees (Rs. 20,000/-) had been approved to Miguel Arachchige Chithra Mangalika residing at H/29/A/1 of Nawagampura under Project No. H-78431164003 of Western Provincial Development Programme – 2017?
- b) Could you table the documents by which the said Aid amount was approved?
- c) Do you accept that when Mrs. Mangalika went to the Colombo Divisional Secretariat to obtain the material-aid for the said aid amount, that amount was not given to her stating to her that her aid amount had not been approved?
- d) Has somebody obtained the material-aid for the above project number?
- e) If it has been obtained by some other person, would you hold a complete investigation into the matter?

06. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasingha 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)/18/56)

- a) Do you know that the land with 4 ½ Acres extent called “Kaththota Land” located in Attanagalla Pradeshiya Sabha area of authority, when its plan (plan No. 6473G) was forwarded for approval on 11.04.2012 for the purpose of dividing and selling; the then Chairman of the Attanagalla Pradeshiya Sabha applied 08 conditions and had informed in writing ‘only if the said conditions are adhered to, the approval for dividing the land could be given to relevant persons’ ?
- b) Do you know that the said land has been divided and sold at present without adhering to said conditions?
- c) Would you inform to the Council on which basis did the Chairman of Attanagalla Pradeshiya Sabha acted in year 2014 to divide and sell the relevant land?

- d) Would you inform to the Council as to what action will be taken by you against the relevant Chairman who divided and sold the said land without adhering to any of the conditions?
- e) If not, why is that?

07. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasingha from Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/18/57)

- a) Would you inform to the Council as to how long it will take to implement the recommendations given by the inquiry held on 07.08.2018 by the Audit Section of the Ministry of Transport about the *modus operandi* of the Administrative Officer (Operations), Mr. B.N.S. Karunachandra of Colombo Office No. 01 of Western Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority?
- b) Would you inform to the Council as to what action will be taken by you regarding the 08 recommendations given against the said officer by the Audit Section?
- c) Would you inform to the Council about what action will be taken against the said officer's *modus operandi*?
- d) If not, why is that?

08. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. . (Q/VI(1)/18/58)

- a) Would you inform to this Council as to how many employees have been recruited as per management circulars to Western Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority from 01.05.2012, up-to-date?
- b) Would you inform to this Council as to how many employees have been recruited external to the said circulars?
- c) Do you accept that the employees recruited external to the said circulars, have been promoted?
- d) Would you inform to this Council about action will be taken by you against the persons who recruited employees external to the circular?
- e) If not, why is that?

09. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Sarath Pathirana 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)/18/59)

- a) Do you know that Carpet layering machines were provided to Local Government Authorities of Western Province during the previous era?
- b) What are the Local Government Authorities which were provided with said machines?
- c) What is the total amount borne in that regard?
- d) Would you explain to this honorable Council as to from which fund of which ministry had the said money was spent?
- e) What is the current situation of these machines provided to Kaduwela Municipal Council?
- f) Do you accept that a misuse of money has taken place through this failed project?

10. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Nandana Pathmakumara from Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services, Women's Affairs and Council Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/18/60)

- a) How many are the X-Ray machines, Scan machines, ECG machines and Endoscopy machines that are in active state in hospitals functioning under the Western Provincial Ministry of Health?
- b) How many are the number of these machines in hospitals of Western Province separately at district level?
- c) How many are the machines that lie at inactive state?
- d) How many is that at district level?
- e) How many are the hospitals which are suitable to be provided with above machines but not provided?

11. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Nandana Pathmakumara from Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services, Women's Affairs and Council Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/18/61)

- a) How many are the total number of hospitals within the Western Province which are functioning under the Western Provincial Ministry of Health?
- b) How many of them are main hospitals?
- c) How many of them are district hospitals?

- d) How many of them are divisional hospitals?
- e) How many of them are peripheral hospitals?
- f) How many of them are central dispensaries?
- g) How many are these hospitals separately at district level?

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 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)

XI. Adjournment of the Council

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