

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

08<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 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 Jayasinghe on 04.12.2018 from Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Constructions, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/ VI(1)/18/75)**

- a) How much is the total value of all the property in Bemmulla Vigoda SANASA Society Ltd. of Gampaha District?
- b) Do you know that the interest paid at maturity for deposits are not paid to depositors of Bemmulla Vigoda SANASA Society Ltd. of Gampaha District?
- c) Do you know that the money deposited in the said society is transferred to a private company owned by the Chairman in the name of 'Deegayu'?
- d) Could you inform to the Council whether the interest relevant to deposits and deposit money of depositors of the said society be withdrawn by the relevant depositors at any time they make such request?
- e) Do you accept that the Chairman of the Society deploy its money for land purchasing and selling affairs and other affairs through his private company?
- f) Would you inform to this Council about the measures that will be taken by you against the Chairman of the said society who operates on his own discretion and prevent from paying depositors money, as well as, the measures that will be taken by you to mete out justice to the relevant depositors?
- g) If not why is that?

**02. Question asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe on 04.12.2018 from Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Constructions, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/ VI(1)/18/76)**

- a) Would you inform this Council as to the names of the current Chairman and Director Board of Bemmula Vigoda SANASA Society Ltd. of Gampaha District and whether they hold a position in the Director Board or any main position in another company?
- b) Do you know that an institution named Deegayu Land Homes is maintained by its Chairman, in his and Director Board's names, and the money of the SANASA Society has been transferred to that institution without any interest or bond?
- c) Do you accept that the said SANASA society has faced a financial crisis owing to utilization of its deposits illegally by its Chairman?
- d) Do you know at present, when depositors request their money, the Chairman and the Director Board refuse to give the money to them?
- e) Would you inform the Council about what measures will be taken to provide depositors' money to them as soon as possible?
- f) What action will be taken against the Chairman and the Director Board who deployed the said society's money to other tasks?
- g) If not why is that?

**03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/ VI(1)/18/79)**

- a) (i) Has an investigation commenced by now regarding a conflict between the Principal and the teacher staff of Siddhartha Maha Vidyalaya, Thalpathpitiya in Jayawardhanapur Education Zone?
  - (ii) On which days the complaints relevant to those investigations were presented?
  - (iii) What are the allegations made therein?
  - (iv) Have those investigations concluded by now?
  - (v) If not, what are the reasons for them?
- b) (i) Has a teacher of the said school been transferred based on the results of those investigations?
  - (ii) Accordingly, have formal investigations relating to allegations leveled against him been commenced?
  - (iii) Prior to transferring the said teacher based on initial investigations, have any other transfers been made by the Zonal Director of Education?

- (iv) On what basis was that, and to which schools?
- c) Accordingly, after carrying out investigations regarding all these complaints, will action be taken according to the results of the investigations?

## **VII. Personal Explanations**

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

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

## **X. Council Affairs**

### **To be presented by the Hon. Leader of the House**

Motion:

*“According to the agreement reached at the Business Advisory Committee meetings of 23.10.2018 and 19.12.2018, without considering the provisions of Rules of Procedure rule Nos. 39(4) and 53(3), the Provincial Council agrees to proceed considering the order of the tasks included under the subject of Private Members’ Affairs under No. XII of today’s (08.01.2019) Agenda as task No. 02 and 01”*

## **XI. Public Affairs**

- 01. The statute presented by 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 (W.P.)**

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*“Tourist Board Statute of the Western Province No. .... of 2018”*

(First Reading)

A statute to enhance the professional skills of those who engage in tourist affairs in the Western Province, provide the guidance necessary for them and support, services, improve the standards of tourist services, develop the infrastructure facilities in the vicinity of locations with tourist attraction and promote local and foreign tourist affairs of the province, establish the Western Provincial Tourist Board, repeal the Tourist Board Statute of Western Province No. 03 of 1994 and to provide provisions for the incidentals thereto.

## **XII. Private Members' Affairs**

The order of tasks under the subject of Private Members' Affairs may change according to the motion under No. X - Council Affairs of the Agenda.

### **01. Hon. Yasapala Koralage – Deputy Chairman**

“It is a fact known by everybody that the children studying in schools of rural areas of Western Province are severely affected by travelling difficulties. Owing to that reason, a school van culture has emerged. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council is in the opinion that it is suitable to provide a bicycle to school children above Grade 8 considering the economic difficulties and to alleviate the travelling difficulty of school children with a view to generate a healthy young generation for which opportunity should be allowed to allocate provisions from the criteria Based Grants allocated to Hon. Members subjected to a certain percentage.”

### **02. Hon. Member Ajantha Niroshan Padukka**

“Micro finance credit is operated by institutions of the private sector in very intriguing manner in the Western Province and throughout the island.

Group loans and private loans are recovered under a 40% annual interest rate. It is a gravely unjust exploitation. As the current monitoring of the Central Bank on this credit practice is not sufficient, this Western Province Provincial Council requests from the Ministry of Finance and Central Bank of Sri Lanka to pay firm attention to this matter and immediately formulate rules and regulations to regularize these credit practices”

## **XIII. Adjournment of the Council**

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