# COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

08th August 2017, at 09.30 a.m.

### **AGENDA**

- I. Announcements by the Chairman
- **II.** Presentation of Papers
- **III.** Presentation of Committee Reports
- IV. Petitions
- V. Questions
- 01. The question asked by Hon Member Rose Fernando from Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Land Infrastructure, Industries and Regional Development on 18.07.2017. (Q/VI(1)/17/65)
  - a) How many designations are vacant in Homagama Regional Office of Transport Authority?
  - b) From which date is that?
  - c) What are the names and designations of people who work as acting?
  - d) Can you mention separately the allowances paid in additional for each and every person for acting?
  - e) Do those people are given additional allowances by appointing for acting without filling up these vacancies under the personal preferences?
  - f) Why does these acting work stop and appoint suitable people for these vacancies from inside the office or from outside?

- g) When engage in two designations, do you accept that it is unable to provide efficient service to the public?
- h) Do you take necessary actions to provide a better service for private sector buses who run more buses than the Sri Lanka Transport Board which run with losses and allowances of government bearing their own expenses and providing income for government?
- i) If not, why?
- 02. The question asked by Hon Member Rose Fernando from Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Land Infrastructure, Industries and Regional Development on 18.07.2017. (Q/VI(1)/17/66)
  - a) How many designations are vacant in Rathmalana Regional Office of Transport Authority?
  - b) From which date is that?
  - c) What are the names and designations of people who work as acting?
  - d) Can you mention separately the allowances paid in additional for each and every person for acting?
  - e) Do those people are given additional allowances by appointing for acting without filling up these vacancies under the personal preferences?
  - f) Why does these acting work stop and appoint suitable people for these vacancies from inside the office or from outside?
  - g) When engage in two designations, do you accept that it is unable to provide efficient service to the public?
  - h) Do you take necessary actions to provide a better service for drivers of private sector buses who run more buses than the Sri Lanka Transport Board which run with losses and allowances of government bearing their own expenses and providing income for government?
  - i) If not, why?
- 03. The question asked by Hon Member Rose Fernando from Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Land Infrastructure, Industries and Regional Development on 18.07.2017. (Q/VI(1)/17/67)
  - a) How many designations are vacant in Kalutara Regional Office of Transport Authority?
  - b) From which date is that?
  - c) What are the names and designations of people who work as acting?
  - d) Can you mention separately the allowances paid in additional for each and every person for acting?

- e) Do those people are given additional allowances by appointing for acting without filling up these vacancies under the personal preferences?
- f) Why does these acting work stop and appoint suitable people for these vacancies from inside the office or from outside?
- g) When engage in two designations, do you accept that it is unable to provide efficient service to the public?
- h) Do you take necessary actions to provide a better service for private sector buses who run more buses than the Sri Lanka Transport Board which run with losses and allowances of government bearing their own expenses and providing income for government?
- i) If not, why?
- 04. The asked by Hon Member Lakshman Nippuna Arachchi from the Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Planning, Engineering, Services, Law and Order, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Economic Promotion, Electricity, Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism on 18.07.2017. (Q/VI(1)/17/68)
  - a) How many number of road development projects have done by Kaduwela Municipal Council from 2015 to June 06<sup>th</sup> 2017?
  - b) Regarding all these development projects,
    - I. Name of the project
    - II. Source of provision
    - III. Estimated amount of money
    - IV. Project is given by tender or by other method
    - V. Finalized amount of money of the contract
    - VI. Name and address of project dealers
    - VII. Work started date
    - VIII. Work completed date
      - IX. Payment completed date

Including all those information whether a report will be presented?

- c) Under a condition no governance of public members who decide the projects that are done by using provisions of Municipal council?
- d) Do you know that there are roads that should be developed and not being developed?
- e) Is there a program to recognize roads to develop according to priority given?
- f) Can you name the roads to be developed according to priority given?
- g) Accordingly do you present a document of roads to be developed in future?
- h) If not, why?

- 05. The question asked by Hon Member Udena Wijerathne from the Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Planning, Engineering, Services, Law and Order, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Economic Promotion, Electricity, Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism on 18.07.2017. (Q/VI(1)/17/70)
  - a) How many number of road development projects have done by Mirigama Pradeshiya Sabha from 2015 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2017?
  - b) Regarding all these development projects (Regional Infrastructure Development Program, Decentralized, Provincial Council, Pradeshiya Sabha,Other)
    - I. Name of the project
    - II. Source of provision
    - III. Estimated amount of money
    - IV. Project is given by tender or by other method
    - V. Finalized amount of money of the contract
    - VI. Name and address of project dealers
    - VII. Work started date
    - VIII. Work completed date
    - IX. Payment completed date
    - X. No Projects nor paid
    - XI. No of in hand on the date of 30.06.2017
    - XII. Projects not being paid into in year 2016
    - XIII. Reasons for not being paid

Including all those information whether a report will be presented?

- 06. The question asked by Hon Member Udena Wijerathne from the Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Planning, Engineering, Services, Law and Order, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Economic Promotion, Electricity, Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism on 18.07.2017. (Q/VI(1)/17/71)
  - a) Did there build unauthorized buildings in Mirigama administrative limits?
  - b) If so, can you present a document of those with details?
  - c) If it has built without an approval, what are the actions that has taken by the Mirigama Pradeshiya Sabha at the moment?
  - d) Can you mention separately the legal actions that has taken for each and every unauthorized constructions?
  - e) Does it charge from these constructions?
  - f) By whose approval is electricity given to these constructions?
  - g) Who are the responsible people and officers for this?

- h) What are the actions taken against them?
- i) Does not the Mirigama Pradeshiya Sabha have a power to remove the unauthorized constructions in those areas?
- j) If such power has with the Mirigama Pradeshiya Sabha before which date is these unauthorized constructions will be removed?
- k) Even though Pradeshiya Sabha has power to remove these unauthorized constructions according to the act of Pradeshiya Sabha, do you take necessary steps to take legal actions regarding those officers?
- 07. The question asked by Hon Member Udena Wijerathne from Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Land Infrastructure, Industries and Regional Development on 18.07.2017.

(Q/VI(1)/17/72)

- a) How long can a board of directors can be in powers who are appointed by an election of Multi-Purpose cooperative society?
- b) Do you know that in that Mirigama Multi-Purpose cooperative society same board of directors have been in powers for 8 years time to time?
- c) Under which legal condition that it has being given the governance of commission for few months in 2014 for Mr. Alas who have been removed from the post of chairman for being a debtor while in the post of chairman without paying debts in Rural bank?
- d) What are the legal actions taken regarding this for discrepancies happened with the participation of the Chairman who has being appointed as such?
- e) After 2014,
  - i. Make losses to the society by giving nearly 30 laks from the cooperative fuel filling center money with the approval of the chairman.
  - ii. Depositing 20 Billion of money of Rural bank in a leasing company against a trade agreement.
  - iii. Assigning for his personal name Coca-Cola and Watawala tea agencies which were under the name of cooperative.

What are the actions taken for those?

- f) Will be the commission governance given to other people again?
- g) If court cases are finished when will be the next election?

- 08. The question asked by Hon Member Rajitha Rangana Hapuarachchige from the Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Planning, Engineering, Services, Law and Order, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Economic Promotion, Electricity, Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism on 18.07.2017. (Q/VI(1)/17/73)
  - a) How many lands has separated in administarive limits of Katana Pradeshiya Sabha in year 2007?
  - b) Do you table such list of lands being separated?
  - c) (i) From those lands how many separated lands are approved?
    - (ii) What are those?
  - d) (i) From those lands how many separated lands are there assigned legally for council?
    - (ii) What are those?
    - (iii) Can you present a list of auctioned lands not being assigned public lands?
  - e) What are the number of lands chared 1% of tax completely from the lands sold being auctioned in the administrative limits of Katana Pradeshiya Saba?
  - f) (i) How much money should be given to council like that?
    - (ii) How much tax money being charged from that value?
    - (iii) What are the actions to be taken to assign those public lands and tax money?
  - g) What are actions you take against those people who did not charge those tax money?
- 09. The question to be asked by Hon Member S.A.D Jagath Kumara from Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Land Infrastructure, Industries and Regional Development.

  (Q/VI(1)/17/74)
  - a) Do you that Battaramulla and Kaduwela Multi-Purpose cooperative societies maintain with losses?
  - b) Do you mention separately details of assets and liabilities for 4 years from 2012 in these two cooperative societies?
  - c) Do you know the reason for maintaining these two societies with loses continuously during past 4 years? If so what are the reasons for losses?
  - d) Can you mention separately the number of employees of these societies? How many no of regional shops in Battaramulla and Kaduwela societies? How many has given for rent and tax basis for external parties? If so mention them separately?

10. The question asked by Hon Member S.A.D Jagath Kumara from Minister of Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Land Infrastructure, Industries and Regional Development on 18.07.2017. (Q/VI(1)/17/75)

- a) Does enough revenue is there to pay the salaries of Battaramulla and Kaduwela Multi-Purpose cooperative societies? If not what are the reasons?
- b) Do you know the assets and liabilities only in consumer division of these societies? Can you mention them separately?
- c) Do you know the way that debts took from the rural bank division of Battaramulla and Kaduwela cooperative societies?
- d) What are the actions taken at the moment by the boards of directors of these two societies to pay the debts?
- e) Do you know that frauds and losses done by chairman and board of directors appointed finally by the election of Battaramulla cooperative society? Do you explain them separately? What are the actions you have taken for them?
- f) Under which basis boards of directors of Battaramulla and Kaduwela cooperative societies being appointed?
- g) As the official time of these cooperative societies vompleted do you take action to keep the election?
- h) When will be that?

- 11. The question asked by Hon Member S.A.D Jagath Kumara from Minister of Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Land Infrastructure, Industries and Regional Development on 18.07.2017. (Q/VI(1)/17/76)
  - a) Under which condition the chairman being appointed who has being appointed recently in Battaramulla and Kaduwela Multi-Purpose cooperative societies?
  - b) Did he be in foreign tours? How much money spent for that?
  - c) How many foreign tours have being visited by the boards of directors in Battaramulla and Kaduwela cooperative societies during last 05 years?
  - d) Do you present separately to this Hon. Council correct details that how much money spent on that, expenditure spent on that and director who participated for that?
  - e) Do you accept that these Battaramulla and Kaduwela cooperative societies bem in this condition due to the decisions taken by board of directors who were appointed finally?
  - f) If not why?

## According to provisions of Rules of Procedure No 31 (a) 1 Questions taken time to answer

- 12. The question to be asked by Hon Member Susil Kidelpitiye from Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Land Infrastructure, Industries and Regional Development on 18.07.2017 at the adjournment of the Council. (Q/VI(i)/17/ADG-03)
  - a) Did Gampaha Bank Society buy a land to be auctioned?
  - b) If bought, what is the area and address of the place?
  - c) What is the size of the land?
  - d) How much money paid for this land?
  - e) How did you obtain that money?
  - f) How much money spent on this by Bank Society?
  - g) Did a bank loan obtain for this?
  - h) Will you explain this? If not why?
- 13. The question to be asked by Hon Member Lakshman Nipunarachchi from the Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Planning, Engineering, Services, Law and Order, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Economic Promotion, Electricity, Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism on 18.07.2017 at the adjournment of the Council. (Q/VI(i)/17/ADG-04)
  - a) Did an agreement sign in Wawala Karadiyana garbage land area for a project to burn garbage by electricity generating machine?
  - b) Will you present the copies of that agreement to this Council?
  - c) Did you obtain an environmental assignment report to conduct the project?
  - d) Will you present the environmental assignment report to the Council?
  - e) What are the reasons for not obtaining the South Korean Machine which is in high standard in present world in reducing the environmental pollution?
  - f) What is the connection between the project in Karadiyana garbage land area and duties of Minister of Western Provincial Development?

- 14. The question to be asked by Hon Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi from the Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Planning, Engineering, Services, Law and Order, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Economic Promotion, Electricity, Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism on 18.07.2017 at the adjournment of the Council. (Q/VI(i)/17/ADG-05)
  - a) Do you know that it has filed a court case to the Appeal court or higher court?
  - b) Do you or your institute relevant to your administration receive notices of such court case?
  - c) Is that on which date and on which court?
  - d) Do you accept that it should not be put garbage in Kardiyana other than garbage putting institutes at present interrupting the proposed electricity generating project?
  - e) What are the steps to be taken at a court case to prove that?
  - f) If not, why?
  - 15. The question to be asked by Hon Member H.M Upali Kodikara from Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/17/77)
    - a) How many numbers of classes in Grade 1 of Malapalla Wijayagosha Vidyalaya in 2017? (according to the circular)
    - b) How many numbers of students enroll to those classes?
    - c) How many numbers selected from that interview from regional people in that relevant area?
    - d) How many numbers of old students selected?
    - e) How many numbers selected from brotherhood?
    - f) How many numbers of government officers selected?
    - g) How many students enrolled in other ways?
      - VI. Motions for Leave of Absence
      - VII. Announcements of the Ministries/Statements of Ministers
      - VIII. Personal Explanations

#### IX. Private Members' Affairs

#### 01. Hon Member Rose Fernando

After the drought rainy season will begin. In that instance if we act according to prior attention to control floods that can happen with rains it can minimize affects that can be happened to the public and reduce the expenses that can be occurred to government. Therefore this Council decides that, it is to be act according to clean the all lakes that can be cleaned easily by the local governments remove the unauthorized constructions and mark the lake areas and conduct a long period procedure to minimize the bad affects to the public.

(M/VI(I)/17/02)

#### 03. Hon Member Ashoka Dayarathne

The numbers of Buddhist temples in Colombo, Gampaha and Kalutara districts in the Western Province are more than two thousand and it is conducting Sunday Dhamma schools in each and every temple. But the district secretarial theros said that due to conducting weekend Sundays and poya days tuition classes a large number of students as involving to those tuition classes do not come to Dhamma schools. At the moment it is restricted to conduct tuition classes on Sundays until 1.00 p.m. in Sabaragamuwa and Central Provinces by those Provincial Councils.

This Council decides that in this condition to prepare rules to restrict tuition classes on Sundays and poya days until 1.00 p.m. in Western Province. (M/VI(I)/17/03)

#### X. Adjournment of the Council

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