

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

On 24th September 2013, at 09.30 a.m.

**at the Council Chamber of the Provincial Council Building Complex of the Western
Province at No. 204, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Sri Jayawardhanapura,
Battaramulla**

AGENDA

- I. **Announcements by the Chairman**
- II. **Presentation of Papers**
- III. **Presentation of Committee Reports**
- IV. **Petitions**
- V. **Questions**

01. Question asked by Hon. Chief Opposition Whip- U. George Perera on 06.08.2013 to be replied by the Hon. Minister of Transport, Sports and Youth Affairs, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Cooperative Development, Food Supplies and Distribution Affairs and Rural Development. (Q/v(01)/13/12)

- a) Do you know that the Chairman of the Attanagalla Multipurpose Cooperative Society is a Director of the Rural Development Bank Association of Gampaha district?
- b) Due to that reason, when the Cooperative Board has informed that it is giving an annual interest of 16.25%, by depositing the Society's money worth Rs. 375 Lakhs under an interest of 15.25% in Gampaha District Cooperative Rural Bank and Rs. 150 Lakhs under an interest of 16% in the Colombo District Rural Bank Association, do you know that the Society lost Rs. 412,500/= worth interest annually?
- c) Do you accept the fact that by depositing the deposit money of Gampaha District Bank Association in the Sri Lanka National Cooperative Board in year 2012 on Chairman's discretion and under the decision of the Board of Directors, an additional interest of Rs. 468,750/- was received?
- d) Are you aware that the commissions received for medicine purchased for the Cooperative Pharmacy functioning under the Society are obtained by the Chairman privately?
- e) Do you know that the Consumer Section of the Society receive a loss of Rs. 15 Lakhs per month?

- f) Are you aware that three members of the Director Board including the Vice-chairman of the Association have resigned from their posts from 20/06/2013 against these forgeries and corruptions?
- g) Would you take steps against irregularities of the Chairman? If not, why is that?

02. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Sarath Pathirana from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Local Administration, Manpower and Employment, Economic Promotion and Electricity and Power. (Q/v(01)/13/14)

- a) Are you aware that the Principal of W.P./Kel/Henegama Vidyalaya has cut 17 trees including Teak and Lunumidella, which were at the school compound, and has sent them to a timber mill?
- b) (i) Who are the officers that allowed permission to remove these trees?
(ii) Can you present to this Council the letter by which permission was granted?
- c) (i) What is the income received in year 2011 and 2012 by “Hema Prathibha” carnival held in this school annually?
(ii) To which account have those money been deposited?
- d) In which account has the cheque to the value of Ninety Thousand Rupees given by a Minister of the Government who participated as an invitee to the “Hema Prathibha” carnival in year 2012, been deposited?
- e) In which account have the money given by other invitees including a Chairman of a Pradeshiya Sabha participated as an invitee, been deposited?
- f) (i) Do you know that a sum of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Rupees was collected additionally from different persons for the bus provided to this school through Provincial Council members’ allocations?
(ii) What happened to that money?
- g) (i) What is the recommendation of the Audit inquiry held against the Principal of W.P./Kel/Henegama Vidyalaya?
(ii) Can you table that audit report?
(iii) If not why is that?

VI. Motions for leave of absence

**VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of
the Ministers**

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Public Affairs

01. Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Economic Promotion and Electricity, Power and Energy and Trade Affairs (W.P.):

Motion:

Supplementary Estimate - 01 of 2013

“As a Supplementary Estimate needs to be presented in order to make allocations for following requirements of Ministries/ Departments and offices of the Western Province Provincial Council for year 2013, i.e.,

- (i) Provision of allocations to bear additional expenses; for Allowances increased by the Public Administrative Circular 18/2012, for increments related to Allowances in the Health Sector increased as per general circular of the Ministry of Health and for Personal Emoluments,
- (ii) Provision of allocations to bear expenses from grants received as Government Grants to construct crematoriums within Western Province,
- (iii) Provision of additional allocations to direct Provincial Council Development Programmes towards the expected targets,
- (iv) Although received to the Western Province Provincial Council under World Bank projects in year 2012, the money; that had become residual due to non-approval of projects and since it has received approval to be utilized to construct Mahindyodaya Laboratories under the Programme to develop One Thousand Secondary Schools in year 2013, to allocate provisions in that regard,
- (v) Provision of allocations to bear expenses for Teacher Training Programmes out of the money received under Government Grants

the Supplementary Estimate - 01 presented for that purpose for year 2013 (Recurrent Expenditure Rs. 624,746,000/-, Capital Expenditure Rs. 793,000,000/-, Total Provision Rs. 1,417,746,000) should be adopted.”

02. Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Economic Promotion and Electricity, Power and Energy and Trade Affairs (W.P.):

Motion:

Appropriation Statute Relevant to the Supplementary Estimate – 01 of 2013

“The Appropriation Statute No... of 2013 which authorizes the payment of money needed for the Supplementary Estimate - 01 for year 2013 to a value of One Thousand Four Hundred Seventeen Million and Seven Hundred Forty Six Thousand Rupees (Rs. 1,417,746,000) from the Western Provincial Council Fund and the acceptance of money for the said Western Provincial Fund

provided by the Sri Lankan Government as grants or in another way, should be adopted”

X. Private Members’ Affairs

1. Hon. Member Sirikamal Felician de Silva :

“It is said that Sri Lanka is a country where free education is implemented. Nevertheless, we know that there is an established school system consisting of Central Government, Provincial Council, Private and International schools. From among these, majority of schools belong to Provincial Councils. This Provincial Council allocates a major portion as a percentage from its annual budget statement to the Ministry of Education, which is represented by the Chief Minister. However, due to the reason of authorities themselves stating that the annually allocated money for the maintenance of schools of our province is not sufficient, it is no secret that the shortages existing in schools are met with the assistance of parents, students, well-wishers and through other methods. Thus, this Western Province Provincial Council intends that a proper mechanism should immediately be set up in order to avoid the inconveniences faced by parents and students due to this irregular process.”

(M/v(01)13/02)

2. Hon. Member Lalith Ellawala:

“As the currently Prevailing provincial Council and Parliamentary preferential election system is an election system which is difficult and problematic both to the contestants as well to the voters, the Western Provincial Council proposes to the Government that measures shall be taken to hold all the future elections for provincial councils and parliament at divisional level and seat level respectively as it has been adopted for the new local government election system.”

(M/v(01)13/04)

XI. Adjournment of the Council

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