

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

07th August 2012, 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 to be raised by Hon. Member, Rose Fernando, for a reply to be given by the 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: (Q/v(01)/12/18)

- a) Has the Katana Pradeshiya Sabha reached into a contract with regard to construction of the supermarket in the land of Welihena church of Katana Divisional Secretariat at a cost of Rupees Seven Million (Rs. 7,000,000/-) allotted by your ministry ?
- b) Can permission be given to a construction that utilizes funds of your ministry to be built in a private land which does not belong either to the Provincial Council or Government?
- c) According to that contract what are the benefits received to the Katana Pradeshiya Sabha?
- d) Is the construction of the said supermarket illegal?
- e) What action would be taken by you with regard to the Rupees Seven Million (Rs. 7,000,000/-) of money spent for that construction and giving approval to it?

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.)**

“Land Development Statute of the Western Province No. ... of 2012”

(Second Reading)

〔 First Reading of the statute has been
made on 17.07.2012 〕

X. Private Members' Affairs

- 01. Hon. Member Ashoka Lankathilaka**

“The physical resources existing in schools at present lie at a very satisfactory level. Likewise, the academic and non-academic staffs are at a satisfactory level. However, a situation prevails where it takes some time to appoint a new principal when a principal of a school retires and in many instances, the school is administered under an acting principal. Although, how well acting principals work in the post of principal, there is no opportunity for them to get permanent in that position. In a situation like this, a school, which remains at whatever advanced stage, may degenerate.

In order to evade this situation, this Western Province Provincial Council holds the opinion that a reserve of principals should be created within the Western Province either by selecting and training qualified teachers or by selecting suitable persons through principal's examinations, also, as soon as a principal of a school retires, measures should be taken to appoint a principal from this reserve in place of the retiring principal.” (M/ V (01)/12/07)

02. Hon. Member Ashoka Lankathilaka

“Different projects are being implemented by the current Government to develop agriculture within the country. A high vegetable and fruit crop yield is being received under the projects like “Api Wawamu, Rata Nagamu”, “Divi Neguma” and “Provision of Fertilizer Subsidies”. During the time of harvest, vegetables and fruits can be obtained at reasonable prices and during those times certain instances where the excess crop is left to decay without being utilized can be seen. That situation affects adversely to the farmers, consumers as well as to the total economy of the country. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council is in the opinion that measures should be taken to prepare methodologies to preserve food crops and by introducing them to the farmers to prevent the loss created to the farmers and to provide opportunity to consumers to purchase products at a reasonable price.”

(M/ V (01)/12/08)

XI. Adjournment of the Council

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