

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

On 18th September 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 raised by Hon. Member Rose Fernando on 07.08.2012, 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?

02. Question raised by Hon. Member Sarath Pathirana on 21.08.2012, 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)/12/19)

- a) Are you aware that twelve urban councilors of Moratuwa Municipal Council including the Mayor have participated in a tour in Indonesia from 14th to 21st July 2012?
- b)
 - i. For what purpose have these peoples' representatives participated in that tour ?
 - ii. Would you explain to this Hon. Council as to the name of the institution that organized this tour?
- c)
 - i. How has financial provisions been allocated for this tour?
 - ii. How much is that amount?
- d) If money of the Moratuwa Municipal Council has been spent for this tour, has measures been taken as per Section 28 of the Municipal Councils Ordinance when that money was obtained?
- e) When leave got approved for this tour, do you accept the fact that measures have not been taken as per Circular F.M. No. 01/2010/01?
- f) According to the letter sent to you by the Councilor of Moratuwa Municipal Council Mr. Nishantha Pradinandra on 20.07.2012 about irregularities and financial forgeries that have taken place with regard to this tour, what action have you taken?

03. Question raised by Hon. Member, E. Sirikamal Felician de Silva on 21.08.2012, 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)/12/20)

- a) Have complaints been received that the school authorities of schools of this province have charged money when enrollment of students to grade 01 took place in year 2012?
- b)
 - i. If complaints were received thus, how many schools were there ?
 - ii. What are their names separately?
- c) Has any inquiry been carried out regarding those complaints?
- d) In such an inquiry which schools were exposed as ones that obtained money?
- e) Which schools have paid that money back to the parents?
- f)
 - i. Have warning letters been sent to principals regarding this matter?
 - ii. If so, to which principals?

VI. Motions for leave of absence

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

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Affairs of the Council

To be presented by the Hon. Minister of Council Affairs:

Motion:

“Today, Public Affairs shall take precedence”

X. Private Members’ Affairs

01. 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)

02. Hon. Member A.M. Yoosuf :

“Eventhough the hospitals currently functioning within the provincial council authority of the Western Province have been subjected to categorization, attention has to be paid to their quality status. Especially, people living in the Kalutara district in areas of Mathugama, Agalawatte, Walallawitawhere hospitals exist at divisional secretariat level, are low income receivers and those areas are remote areas with harsh living conditions. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council proposes that attention should be paid to upgrade the hospitals of those areas having taken into consideration about the remoteness and harsh living conditions of those areas.”

(M/ V (01)/12/10)

XI. Public Affairs

- 01. Statute presented by 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.):**

“Western Province Provincial Council Pre-school Statute, No. of 2012

[First Reading of the Statute]

A statute for registration, supervision, administration and monitoring of pre-schools and for introduction of model pre-schools and for providing provisions incidental thereto and for repealing pre-school statute No. 04 of 2003

XII. Adjournment of the Council

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