

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

**On 09<sup>th</sup> October 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**
- VI. Motions for leave of absence**
- VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of  
the Ministers**
- VIII. Personal Explanations**
- IX. 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 set up methodologies to preserve food crops, to prevent the loss created to farmers by introducing them with such

methodologies and to provide the opportunity to consumers to purchase products at reasonable price.” (M/ V (01)/12/08)

**02. Hon. Member Lalith Ellawala :**

“Most of the foreign currency that flow in to our country flows through persons engaged in overseas employment, whereas, among them a majority of contribution is made from women who are employed as domestic maids. Therefore, as a solution to the dangerous situation of aforesaid women frequently facing domestic violence in their employment abroad, and as per Mahinda Chinthana Future Vision, this Provincial Council of the Western Province requests from the Government to deploy these employees through Government registered foreign employment agencies subsequent to providing them with an internationally recognized training as well as to suspend sending domestic maids to countries where the tendency for domestic violence is high.” (M/V(01)/12/11)

**X. Adjournment of the Council**

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