COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

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

on 06th November 2012, 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. Question to be raised by Hon. Member Udena Wijerathne 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)/12/24)
 - a) Are you aware that various irregularities occur when children are enrolled to Grade 01 in Meerigama Bandaranayake Maha Vidyalaya, Meerigama Model Junior School, Pasyala Primary School and Pallewela Maha Vidyalaya?
 - b) Do you know that 42 children including 33 children who obtain highest marks from the enrollment-interview, 2 children from appeals made and 07 children from parents involved in active service in armed forces are enrolled according to the existing system?
 - c) When children are enrolled up to 45 in number, will the remaining 3 vacancies including the vacancies created as a result of absences from the initially selected children be filled on the basis of maximum marks obtained at the interview or via another method?
 - d) If action would be taken external to the basis of maximum marks obtained, do you accept that the children are subjected to injustice by such measure?
 - e) What actions would be taken by you to prevent such injustices?
 - f) Would you table a name list of children who faced the enrollment-interview for year 2013 of aforesaid schools, marks scored by them and marks taken as basis for enrollment?

- 02. Question to be raised by Hon. Chief Opposition Whip, George Perera for a reply to be given by the Hon. Minister of Transport, Sports and Youth Affairs, Cultural Affairs and Arts Affairs, Cooperative Development, Food Supplies and Distribution Affairs and Rural Development: (Q/v(01)/12/25)
 - a) How many SANASA societies are there in the Gampaha district that functions under the Provincial Council Ministry of Cooperatives? Would you mention those societies separately by their names?
 - b) Who owns the authority to make appointments to offices of those societies?
 - c) Among SANASA societies, can you mention the value of financial assets of the North Weboda SANASA Development Bank of West in Mahara Electorate? Has an audit been conducted with regard to those assets? In which year was that?
 - d) Is there proper security for the depositors of that money for their deposits?
 - e) When depositors apply to withdraw money, do you know that it takes several days to receive money?
 - f) Would you take measures to prevent this difficulty having conducted an immediate investigation about this? If not why is that?
 - g) Would you table responses for this? If not, why?
- 03. Question to be raised by Hon. Member Niroshan Padukka for a reply to be given by the Hon. Minister of Transport, Sports and Youth Affairs, Cultural Affairs and Arts Affairs, Cooperative Development, Food Supplies and Distribution Affairs and Rural Development: (Q/v(01)/12/26)
 - a) The official tenure of the Cooperative Society Limited of Bokundara, Piliyandala, terminated on 21.05.2010 and as the Commissioner has been unable to hold an election within the last two years, what action would be taken by you with regard to that?
 - b) According to Section 60 (35) "a", Public Service Officials should be appointed to the Director Board, according to that, what are the public service positions held by the Commissioner-appointed former Chairman Mr. Nandalal Jayasundara and Mr. A.A. D. Sunil? Within which time periods?
 - c) The aforementioned directors are businessmen of the town and do you know that appointing them is illegal? If so, what action would be taken with regard these officers?
 - d) Minister Gamini Lokuge and Chief Minister of the Province have informed to hold an investigation regarding allegations made against the Director Board of this Cooperative Society, what action was taken with regard to that?
 - e) Subsequent to appointing the three experienced public official by you, when would an election be held again?

VI. Motions for leave of absence

VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of the Ministers

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Motions of Condolences

01. Motion of condolences in lieu of the demise of Ex Hon. Member of the Provincial Council, K.A. Premathissa Perera

"Ex Hon. Member of the Provincial Council, Mr. K.A. Premathissa Perera, who got selected from the Colombo administrative district as a Member to the Second Provincial Council of the Western Province representing Peoples' Alliance party and did a tremendous service for around 04 years to the Western Province Provincial Council and its public, passed away recently.

The Western Province Provincial Council values the service rendered by him and expresses its deepest sympathies about his demise."

(Presentation: Hon. Leader of the House)

02. Motion of condolences in lieu of the demise of Ex Hon. Member of the Provincial Council, W.K. Wijesiri.

"Ex Hon. Member of the Provincial Council, Mr. W.K. Wijesiri, who got selected from the Kalutara administrative district as a Member to the First Provincial Council of the Western Province representing United Socialist Alliance party and got selected to the Second and Third Provincial Councils representing the Peoples' Alliance and did a tremendous service for around 12 years to the Western Province Provincial Council and its public, passed away recently.

The Western Province Provincial Council values the service rendered by him and expresses its deepest sympathies about his demise."

(Presentation: Hon. Leader of the House)

X. 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.):

Rules for the payment of allowances to the Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Councilors of Pradeshiya Sabha for attending Committee Meetings

It is hereby proposed that the "Rules for the payment of allowances to the Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Councilors of Pradeshiya Sabha for attending Committee Meetings" which have been formulated by the 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 of the Western Province under Sub section 184(1) of Pradeshiya Sabha Act No. 15 of 1987, read along with Section 2 of Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989 and have been published in the Gazette Paper No. 1769/4 dated 30.07.2012 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, shall be approved by the Western Province Provincial Council as per provisions of Sub-section 184(2) of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act No. 15 of 1987 read along with Section 02 of the aforesaid Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989.

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.):

Rules for the payment of allowances to the Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Councilors of Urban Councils for attending to Committee Meetings

It is hereby proposed that the "Rules for the payment of allowances to the Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Councilors of Urban Councils for attending to Committee Meetings" which have been formulated by the 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 of the Western Province under Sub section 193 (1) (gg) of Urban Councils Ordinance (Chapter 255), read along with Section 2 of Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989 and have been published in the Gazette Paper No. 1769/4 dated 30.07.2012 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, shall be approved by the Western Province Provincial Council as per provisions of Section 194 of the Urban Councils Ordinance (Chapter 255), read along with Section 2 of aforesaid Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989.

03. 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.):

Regulations for the payment of allowances for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councilors of Municipal Councils for attending Standing Committee Meetings

It is hereby proposed that the "Regulations for the payment of allowances for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councilors of Municipal Councils for attending Standing Committee Meetings", which have been formulated by the 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 of the Western Province under Section 289 of Municipal Councils Ordinance, read along with Section 2 of Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989 and have been published in the Gazette Paper No. 1769/4 dated 30.07.2012 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, shall be approved by the Western Province Provincial Council as per provisions stated further in Section 289 of the Municipal Councils Ordinance, read along with Section 2 of aforesaid Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989.

XI. Adjournment of the Council

K.H.D.K. Samarakoon Secretary, Western Province Provincial Council

24.10.2012 Council Secretariat (W.P.), Western Province Provincial Council, Independence Square, Colombo 07.