COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

On 20th November 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 Udena Wijerathne on 06.11.2012 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)/12/24)
 - 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 raised by Hon. Chief Opposition Whip, George Perera on 06.11.2012 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 function 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 raised by Hon. Member Niroshan Padukka on 06.11.2012 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. Council Meetings I

To be presented by the Minister of council Affairs:

"Motion"

"According to the Council agreement reached at the Provincial Council meeting held on 23.10.2012; December 05th, 06th, 07th and 10th of 2012 shall be considered as days allocated for the "Financial Statement for year 2013 and matters related to therein", whereas, proceedings shall be taken considering whatsoever impediment shall not arise on these days from time periods stated in Rule No. 50(5)"

Council Meetings II

To be presented by the Minister of council Affairs:

"Motion"

"Subsequent to the dispersal of the Council of this day, this Council shall assemble at 9.00 a.m. on 05th of December 2012 (Wednesday) and whatsoever decision was reached prior to this moment, without considering such, 04th of December 2012 (Tuesday) shall be considered as a date in which Council Meeting shall not be held."

X. Council Affairs

To be presented by the Minister of council Affairs:

"Motion"

"For the proceedings of the Council, this day shall be considered as a day allocated for Public affairs and proceedings shall take place accordingly."

XI. Private Members' Affairs

XII. Public Affairs

01. Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga - 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:

"The Financial Statement for year 2013 shall be adopted "

(Presentation of the Financial Statement to the Council)

02. Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga - 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:

"The Appropriation Statute relevant to the Financial Statement for year 2013 shall be adopted"

(Presentation of the Appropriation Statute to the Council)

XIII. Adjournment of the Council

K.H.D.K. Samarakoon Secretary,

Western Province Provincial Council

07.11.2012 Council Secretariat (W.P.), Western Province Provincial Council, Independence Square, Colombo 07.