

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

***Debate on the Financial Statement of year 2013***

on 05<sup>th</sup>, 06<sup>th</sup>, 07<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2012, at 09.00 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 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?

**02. Question raised by the Hon. Member Sarath Pathirana, 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)/12/27)

- a) Does the Western Province Road Passenger Transport Authority accept passenger complaints regarding injustices occurred to them?
- b) Has the Transport Authority received a complaint made against a bus conductor by Mr. Vijitha Samarakoon residing at Pelawatte, Battaramulla on October 20<sup>th</sup> ?
- c) Are you aware that at an assault made by the conductor of the bus JI-5130 of route number 163, the passenger named above has been assaulted severely requiring 06 stitches to his head?
- d) Would you explain to this Hon. Council as to why an impartial investigation is not held with regard to the complaint made about this severe assault?

**03. Question raised by the Hon. Member S.A.D. Jagath Kumara 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)/ 12/28)

- a) Subsequent to the appointment of the new director board of the Cooperative Society of Battaramulla, how many times has the Chairman gone abroad ?
- b) What are the countries he flew to?
- c) How much was spent for that? By which institutions?
- d) Would you mention separately about them?
- e) Are you aware that proper maintenance and management of sales centers belonging to the cooperative society have been difficult subsequent to the appointment of the new director board and Chairman?
- f) Do you know that after the appointment of this director board, several sales centers belonging to the cooperative society have been closed down?
- g) Similarly, are you aware that several sales centers (divisions) have been let out on rent? If so, which sales divisions are they?
- h) Has permission been obtained from the Department of Cooperatives for such renting out? If not, what measures would be taken about it?
- i) Are you aware that a shortage of goods worth 05 Hundred Thousand Rupees has occurred at Cooperative café of Malabe, which belongs to this cooperative society? If you are aware, what action would be taken regarding it?

**04. Question raised by the Hon. Member S.A.D. Jagath Kumara 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)/ 12/29)

- a) Are you aware that the allowances approved by Cooperative Commission are not paid to heavy/light weight vehicle drivers and Store Laboureres of Multi-purpose Cooperative Society of Battaramulla?
- b) When this cooperative society has decided to pay to all the permanent employees employed in cooperative societies of the Western Province a Special Allowance of 15% from the monthly basic salary from May of 2012 as per Cooperative Commission circulars No. 5/2012, do you accept that by refraining to pay that allowance, injustice has been meted out to employees?
- c) Do you know that this cooperative society illegally does not pay the gratuity money to employees who are resigning and retiring from service?
- d) Do you know employees who have not been granted with gratuity? If so, would you name them separately?
- e) Consequent to the appointment of this director board, how many employees have been removed from service or have resigned from service? Would you name them separately? How many new employees have been recruited? Have they satisfied basic qualifications?
- f) What action would be taken with regard to recruitment of unqualified employees?

**05. Question raised by the Hon. Member S.A.D. Jagath Kumara 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)/ 12/30)

- a) Are you aware that the Chairman; Nishantha Udawatta of Multi-purpose Cooperative Society of Battaramulla has scolded, threatened and chased out a female Investigation Officer of the same cooperative society?
- b) Do you know that already the activities of this cooperative society take place without the supervision of Cooperative Officers? If you are aware, what actions would be taken regarding that?
- c) Are you aware that among the new directors of this cooperative society, there are directors who have neglected payment of loans of the committee?
- d) Due to single and illegal decisions of the cooperative Chairman ; Nishantha Udawatte, do you know that the cooperative society is deteriorating day by day? If so, what action will be taken for that?
- e) How much is the loan draft due from this cooperative society to the People's Bank? Did the overdraft go down or rise up after the appointment of the new director board? If so, how much?
- f) Would you mention separately about the total loan amounts due from this society to other institutions?
- g) After appointment of the new director board, how many loans have been obtained? Would you mention separately from which institutions were that?

## **VI. Motions for leave of absence**

## **VII. Council Meeting**

**To be presented by the Minister of Council Affairs:**

*“Subsequent to the dispersal of the Council at the conclusion of its proceedings on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012, this Council shall assemble at 9.30 a.m. on 08<sup>th</sup> of January 2013”*

## **VIII. Public Affairs**

**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.):**

*“The Financial Statement prepared for year 2013 shall be adopted”*

(The copies of the relevant documents have been distributed to Hon. Members at the Council Meeting held on 20.11.2012)

### **On December 05<sup>th</sup> 2012, at 9.00 a.m.**

#### **i. Common Discussion :**

(From 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.)  
(From 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.)

#### **ii. Adjournment of the Council**

### **On December 06<sup>th</sup> 2012, at 9.00 a.m.**

#### **i. The debate on following Expenditure Heads (From 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.)**

Head No 100	-	The Governor
Head No 101	-	The Provincial Council of the Western Province
Head No 102	-	Provincial Public Service Commission

#### **ii. The debate on Expenditure Heads related to the Chief Ministry and Ministry 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 :**

Headings 104, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115

(From 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.)  
(From 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.)

#### **iii. Adjournment of the Council**

## **On December 07<sup>th</sup> 2012, at 9.00 a.m.**

- i. The debate on Expenditure Heads related to the Ministry of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare and Women's Affairs, Probation and Child Care Services and Council Affairs :**

Headings 105, 116, 117, 118, 119

(From 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon )

- ii. The debate on Expenditure Heads related to the Ministry of Transport, Sports and Youth Affairs, Cultural and Arts Affairs Co-operative Development, Food Supplies and Distribution Affairs and Rural Development :**

Headings 107, 122, 123, 103

(From 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.)

(From 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. )

- iii. The debate on Expenditure Heads related to the Ministry of Road Development, Animal Production and Livestock Development, Housing and Construction, Fisheries and Tourism Affairs:**

Headings 108, 124, 125

(From 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.)

- iv. Adjournment of the Council**

## **On December 10<sup>th</sup> 2012, at 9.00 a.m.**

- i. The debate on Expenditure Heads related to the Ministry of Road Development, Animal Production and Livestock Development, Housing and Construction, Fisheries and Tourism Affairs:**

Headings 108, 124, 125

(From 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.)

- ii. The debate on Expenditure Heads related to the Ministry of Agriculture, Agrarian Development, Minor Irrigation, Industry and Environmental Affairs :**

Headings 106, 120, 121, 126

(From 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.)

(From 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. )

**iii. 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.) :**

*“The Appropriation Statute relevant to the Financial Statement for year 2013 shall be adopted”*

(The copies of the relevant documents have been distributed to Hon. Members at the Council Meeting held on 20.11.2012)

(From 3.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. )

**iv. Adjournment of the Council**

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