

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

On 09th April 2013, 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, Nalinda Jayathissa on 19.02.2013, 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)/13/03)

- a) Has Sri Sudarshana Vidyalaya of Batapota, Battaramulla been included in the *Sapiri Pasal* project?
- b) Accordingly, from which year onwards will its Secondary Section be removed ?
- c) Has the approval of the Provincial Council Members' Committee of the Sri Jayawardhanapura Education Zone been received to include the said school into the *Sapiri Pasal* project?
- d) Did the Old Students' Association of the school held an occasion to pay tribute on 03.02.2013 in a bid to prevent the removal of the Secondary section from that school?
- e) Did the principal of that school participate for that?
- f) Who are the persons who received tribute there?

02. Question raised by Hon. Member, Nalinda Jayathissa on 19.02.2013, 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)/13/04)

Would you present to this Provincial Council as to;

- a) The number of students sat for each subject?

- b) The amount of students who passed each subject?
- c) The passing percentage for each subject?

in the G.C.E (O/L) examination from year 2005 to 2012 of the Kalutara Education Zone?

03. Question asked by Hon. Leader of the Opposition Manju Sri Arangala on 19.03.2013 from the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Agrarian Development, Minor Irrigation, Industries and Environmental Affairs. (Q/v(01)/13/05)

- a) Would you name the institution from which the Department of Industries of the Western Province purchased yarn for year 2010?
- b) Would you name the institution by which those yarns were dyed?
- c) Would you accept the fact that dying was done by the same institution from which the yarn was purchased?
- d) Would you accept the fact that the yarn purchased had not been received by the Mahara Stores in the same quantity of purchase?
- e) From the yarn purchased thus, what is the quantity of yarn that did not receive by the Mahara stores?
- f) Would you accept that an inspection is carried out by the Commission to Investigate Allegation of Bribery or Corruption regarding the gravity of the irregularities occurred in this incident?
- g) If so, would the progress of it be explained?
- h) Would you hold a department level disciplinary inquiry about the officers who are connected to this anomaly?
- i) If not, why is that?

04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member E. Sirikamal Felician de Silva from the Hon. Minister of Transport, Sports and Youth Affairs, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Cooperative Development, Food Supplies and Distribution and Rural Development. (Q/v(01)/13/06)

- a) Are you aware that a massive road blockage occurs due to parking of private buses at Wattala-Elakanda junction?
- b) Is there a plan to take proper measures to prevent this blockage?
- c) If so, has money been allocated to that plan?
- d) If not, what action will be taken to get rid of this blockage?

VI. Motions for leave of absence

VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of

the Ministers

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Meetings of the Council

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

Motion:

“According to the agreement reached at the Business Advisory Committee meeting held on **19.03.2013**, subsequent to the dispersal of today (on 09.04.2013), this Council shall assemble again on **07.05.2013** at 9.30 a.m. while considering that **23.04.2013** (Tuesday) is a date on which the Council Meeting will not be held”

X. Affairs of the Council

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

Motion:

“Subsequent to the dispersal of this Council on **09.04.2013** as it was agreed upon at the Business Advisory Committee meeting held on **19.03.2013** to assemble again on **07.05.2013** and according to the consent received at the Business Advisory Committee meeting held on **27.03.2013**, as it was agreed upon to conclude the affairs stated under No. 04 in the subject of Public Affairs of the Agenda of this day (09.04.2013), proceedings of this day shall be conducted considering that no objection whatsoever may arise from provisions of Rule Nos. **57(1)**, **57(4)** and **57(5)**.”

XI. Public Affairs

01. To be 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.):

Motion :

**The Parliament of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka –
Marriage Registration (Amendment) Bill**

“As it has been informed under the Clause **154** g 5 (a) of the Constitution and as per Standing Order **46** a (2)(a) of the Parliament, to refer “*The Parliament of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka – Marriage Registration (Amendment) Bill*” to this Western Province Provincial Council and to report the expressions of the Provincial Council as at **11th April 2013** or prior to that date and that announcement; having being conveyed at the Western Provincial Council Meeting held on **19.03.2013**, was referred to the Committee on Statutes and Laws and as the report of the said Committee has been received, while considering the said report and having further discussed at this Council about the aforesaid Bill, measures shall be taken to convey to the Parliament of Sri Lanka about the decisions reached by this Provincial Council with regard to the said Bill”

02. **To be 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.):**

Motion :

**The Parliament of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka –
Kandyan Marriage and Divorce (Amendment) Bill**

“As it has been informed under the Clause 154 g 5 (a) of the Constitution and as per Standing Order 46 a (2)(a) of the Parliament, to refer “*The Parliament of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka – Kandyan Marriage and Divorce (Amendment) Bill*” to this Western Province Provincial Council and to report the expressions of the Provincial Council as at 11th April 2013 or prior to that date and that announcement; having being conveyed at the Western Provincial Council Meeting held on 19.03.2013, was referred to the Committee on Statutes and Laws and as the report of the said Committee has been received, while considering the said report and having further discussed at this Council about the aforesaid Bill, measures shall be taken to convey to the Parliament of Sri Lanka about the decisions reached by this Provincial Council with regard to the said Bill”

03. **To be 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.):**

Motion :

**The Parliament of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka –
Muslim Marriage and Divorce (Amendment) Bill**

“As it has been informed under the Clause 154 g 5 (a) of the Constitution and as per Standing Order 46 a (2)(a) of the Parliament, to refer “*The Parliament of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka – Muslim Marriage and Divorce (Amendment) Bill*” to this Western Province Provincial Council and to report the expressions of the Provincial Council as at 11th April 2013 or prior to that date and that announcement; having being conveyed at the Western Provincial Council Meeting held on 19.03.2013, was referred to the Committee on Statutes and Laws and as the report of the said Committee has been received, while considering the said report and having further discussed at this Council about the aforesaid Bill, measures shall be taken to convey to the Parliament of Sri Lanka about the decisions reached by this Provincial Council with regard to the said Bill”

04. **To be 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.):**

Motion :

**The Parliament of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka –
Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Bill**

“As it has been informed by the date 21st March of 2013 under the Clause 154 g 5 (a) of the Constitution and as per Standing Order 46 a (2)(a) of the Parliament, to refer “*The Parliament*

of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka – Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Bill” to this Western Province Provincial Council and to report the expressions of the Provincial Council on or prior to **22nd April 2013** and on the agreement of the Business Advisory Committee of this Provincial Council assembled on **27.03.2013** to discuss about the measures that are to be taken on behalf of the said matter, steps shall be taken to discuss about the aforementioned Bill at this Provincial Council considering whatsoever hindrance shall not arise from the provisions stated in Rules of Procedure Rule Nos. 63 b(2) and 63b(3) and the decisions reached therein shall be conveyed to the Parliament of Sri Lanka as expressions of the Western Province Provincial Council.”

XII. Private Members’ Affairs

01. Hon. Member Ashoka Lankathilake :

“It is a commonly accepted fact that when the bus transport service of Sri Lanka was under Government control, it remained a respectable service. All the persons engaged in that service enjoyed necessary privileges including a fixed salary and people had the opportunity to travel dignifiedly, hence, they came to roads to travel fearlessly.

But, subsequent to the commencement of private transport service, people have to travel in those buses with tarnished dignity, whereas, regardless of how many timetables were set up, very few abides to them. The newspapers recently reported that the Government intends to import buses to strengthen the bus service. No matter how many buses were imported to Sri Lanka, if the night bus service does not operate properly, we cannot assume that facilities are provided to people. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council requests from the Government to deploy a reasonable number buses from the buses that will be imported to the Public bus service from 6.00 p.m. at least to 11.00 p.m. in order to facilitate the public to get their transport requirements fulfilled without having to waste their time on roads.”

(M/v(01)12/18)

02. Hon. Member Niroshan Padukka :

“Money is being charged from the customers by the owners of all the shopping complexes, hospitals and other buildings whose premises have been constructed within the area of authority of Western Provincial Council by utilizing the common facilities allotted when the approval is obtained to the those building plans, also, through parking yards. These parking yards are prescribed as per regulations of the Urban Development Authority and rules and regulations of Local Government Institutions at the time the approval is given to those buildings; hence, selling those facilities is an illegal act.

Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council proposes to annul charging money from the public for these common facilities as well as for private parking yards, and to assign powers to the relevant Local Government Institutions to take legal action against institutions that breach regulations relevant to this matter. ”

(M/v(01)12/19)

XIII. Adjournment of the Council

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