

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

21st May 2013, 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 asked by Hon. Leader of the Opposition Manju Sri Arangala, on 07.05.2013, 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)/13/07)

- a) Do you accept the fact that the Cooperative Society of Kolonnawa which was even awarded by Gold, is facing degeneration due to the imprudent modus operandi of the Chairman appointed by the Commissioner of Cooperatives to the Cooperative Society of Kolonnawa?
- b) Do you accept the fact that the Chairman is misusing property of the Cooperative Society including vehicles ?
- c) Do you accept that the Consumer and Rural Bank sections have met up with financial failure?
- d) Do you accept that repayment of bank depositors' money and payment of employee-salaries have faced crisis situations?
- e) Do you accept the fact that having paid the interest and installment worth Rs. 5,914,201/- of the loan amount of Rs. 30 Million, which the society has obtained from the Rural Bank Section, has subsequently got increased up to an overdraft of Rs. 50 Million with loan repayment period extended up to 10 years?
- f) Do you accept the fact that the Net Loss of the Society is Rs. 1,012,132/- as at 31/12/2012?
- g) Do you accept the fact that the Rural Bank deposit of Rs. 17,688,652/- which was deposited in the National Cooperative Council was deposited after maturity in a current account at the People's Bank of Kolonnawa?
- h) Do you accept the fact that the said money has completely been spent?
- i) Do you wait until these officers ruin all the assets of the Society?
- j) Why isn't an election held for the Society?

02. Question asked by Hon. Leader of the Opposition Manju Sri Arangala, on 07.05.2013, 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)/13/08)

- a) Do you accept the fact that the Multi-purpose Cooperative Society of Kolonnawa had a Nestle representation?
- b) Do you accept the fact that the Nestle representation which was in the possession of the society has become dispossessed?
- c) Do you accept the fact that in order to settle the Nestle bills, a sum of Rs. 485 Lakhs have been transferred from the Rural Bank Section to Consumer Section without an approval of the Director Board?
- d) Do you accept the fact that Nestle products in the possession of the Society worth around Rs. 80 Lakhs, have been kept stored in the Society without handing them back to the Nestle company ?
- e) Do you accept that those goods may expire within the stores and become unusable?
- f) Do you accept that a fine of Rs. 15,000/- should be sent to the Nestle company per day on behalf of these goods?
- g) Why doesn't the Society hand-over these goods and release itself from these bonds?

VI. Motions for leave of absence

VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of the Ministers

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Council Affairs – I

To be presented by the Hon. Minister of Council Affairs

Motion:

“Today, Public Affairs shall take precedence”

Council Affairs - II

To be presented by the Hon. Minister of Council Affairs

Motion:

“According to the agreement reached at the Business Advisory Committee meeting held on 08.05.2013, the order of matters under the subject of Public Affairs in the Agenda of this day shall be considered as subject No. 02,03 and 01, and the proceedings of the Council shall be in accordance with it.”

X. Private Members' Affairs

01. 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)

02. Hon. Member Sisira Jayakody :

“Complying with the *Mahinda Chinthana* policy of “*Nena Guna Weduma*”, providing teaching appointments within the Western Provincial Public Service to many graduates from year 2005 onwards is a fact appreciated by everyone.

This Council appreciates the contribution made by these teachers, who have graduated from different subject streams, to the educational development of students, and, this hounourable Council proposes to expand these teachers' pathways towards development of their professional skills that enable them to reach service promotions, at the same time, it is also proposed that a programme needs to be formulated to create a more satisfied teacher generation by providing opportunity for these teachers to teach the same subjects they have studied for the degree ” (M/v(01)13/01)

XI. Public Affairs

01. Hon. Minister of Transport, Sports and Youth Affairs, Cultural Affairs and Arts Affairs, Cooperative Development, Food Supplies and Distribution Affairs and Rural Development (W.P.):

Motion:

“Rural Development Statute of the Western Provincial Council, No... of 2011”

(Second Reading)

〔 First Reading of the statute has taken place on 03.01.2012 〕

02. Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Women's Affairs, Probation and Child Care Services and Council Affairs (W.P.):

Motion:

“Indigenous Medical Statute of the Western Province Provincial Council, No. ... of 2012”

(First Reading)

In compliance with the subject of “indigenous medicine” stipulated in List 1, Schedule 9 of the Constitution of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Western Provincial Council with a view to healing the diseases of the people living in Western Province, providing curative services, health education and establishment and maintenance of indigenous community medical services, promotion and preservation of matters relating to indigenous medicine, establishment of indigenous medical institutions, their maintenance, development and facilitation, establishment, maintenance and extension of medicinal herb parks, registration of indigenous medical institutions and employees in Western Province, their monitoring and supervision and other matters connected and incidental to them by application of indigenous medical system, the Western Provincial Council does enact this statute as follows. The provisions of this statute are inconsistent with Ayurveda Act No. 31 of 1961.

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.):

Motion:

“Amending the Limits of the Provincial Council Advance Accounts – Year 2012”

As stated in the Schedule named “*Amending the Limits of Advance Accounts – 2012*”, as measures have been taken as per provisions of the Section 07 of the Appropriation Statute No. 06 of 2011 when Advance limits were amended, and,

as the approval of the Provincial Board of Ministers has received to perform those amendments subjected to the covering approval of the Council,

this Provincial Council of the Western Province shall approve amendments to limitations of each Advance Account as indicated in the said Schedule”

XII. Adjournment of the Council

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