

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

On 23rd July 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 to be asked by Hon. Member Udena Wijerathne from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Local Administration, Manpower and Employment, Economic Promotion and Electricity and Power. (Q/v(01)/13/10)

- a) Do you know that undue influences have occurred when enrolling children to Grade 01 of Dudley Senanayake Model Primary School, Meerigama?
- b) Do you accept that 42 children are enrolled basically including 33 children who have obtained maximum marks for enrollment- interview, 02 children through appeals and 07 children from persons engaged in active service?
- c) In order to complete 45 enrollments per class, would the remaining enrollments be made through the basis of highest marks obtained or according to another basis?
- d) For 13 vacancies remained subsequent to the basic enrollments of this school, how have 09 children been enrolled through two lists forwarded by the Provincial Department of Education?
- e) Would you state the marks of students who have been enrolled through maximum marks and stand-by registers when children were enrolled to Grade 01 of this school?
- f) Have those children been included into the interview register? Or not?
- g) Isn't taking action external to the basis of "highest marks" an injustice meted out to children?

- h) What measure would be taken with regard to that injustice?
- i) Under that, would you take steps to punish the offenders legally?
- j) Would you take steps to mete out justice to the children subjected to injustice?

02. Question to be asked by Hon. Chief Opposition Whip - U. George Perera from the Hon. Minister Transport, Sports and Youth Affairs, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Cooperative Development, Food Supplies and Distribution Affairs and Rural Development. (Q/v(01)/13/11)

- a) Do you accept the fact that the Kelaniya Multipurpose Cooperative Society, without holding an election , functions for 6 years under a Chairman named by the Commissioner of Cooperatives?
- b) Do you accept the fact that the Chairman appointed thus is not a member of this society?
- c) Do you accept that this appointment has been made on political affinity?
- d) Do you agree that there has been many critical financial irregularities have taken place in the Cooperative Society under this Chairman?
- e) Do you accept the fact that action is not being taken with regard to the said forgeries and corruptions, which have already been reported through certain persons and organizations, due to political affinities?
- f) Would you, as the minister in charge, take certain step to protect the cooperative society which is deteriorating day by day?
- g) If not why is that?
- h) Why wasn't an election held for the society during the past 6 years?
- i) Would an election be held in future? If so, when is that?

VI. Motions for leave of absence

VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of the Ministers

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Council Affairs

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

Motion:

“Today, Public Affairs shall take precedence”

X. Private Member’s Affairs

1. Hon. Member Sirikamal Felician de Silva :

“It is said that Sri Lanka is a country where free education is implemented. Nevertheless, we know that there is an established school system consisting of Central Government, Provincial Council, Private and International schools. From among these, majority of schools belong to Provincial Councils. This Provincial Council allocates a major portion as a percentage from its annual budget statement to the Ministry of Education, which is represented by the Chief Minister. However, due to the reason of authorities themselves stating that the annually allocated money for the maintenance of schools of our province is not sufficient, it is no secret that the shortages existing in schools are met with the assistance of parents, students, well-wishers and through other methods. Thus, this Western Province Provincial Council intends that a proper mechanism should immediately be set up in order to avoid the inconveniences faced by parents and students due to this irregular process,”

(M/v(01)13/02)

2. Hon. Member Keerthi Udawatte:

“As it is reported at present, the quality of politicians ranging from divisional to national level politics continues to degenerate extremely. As a solution to that, this Western Province Provincial Council proposes to the Government to formulate laws to order the Elections Commissioner to refer the nominations forwarded by political parties to a scholarly board and to accept only the names that have received the recommendation of the said board”

(M/v(01)13/03)

XI. Public Affairs

01. To be presented 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 (W.P.):

Obtaining approval of the Western Province Provincial Council for
Motor Traffic Fees Regulations 2013

Regulations named as “Motor Traffic Fees Regulations 2013, which have been compiled 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 of Western Province under Section 129(1) of the Motor Traffic Statute No. 07 of 1991 and published in the Extraordinary Gazette Paper of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka bearing No. 1808/11 dated 30th April 2013 are hereby presented before the Western Province Provincial Council for approval.

XII. Adjournment of the Council

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