

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

On 06<sup>th</sup> August 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 asked by Hon. Member Udena Wijerathne on 23.07.2013, 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 asked by Hon. Chief Opposition Whip - U. George Perera on 23.07.2013, from the Hon. Minister of 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 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?

**03. Question to be asked by Hon. Chief Opposition Whip - U. George Perera from the Hon. Minister of Transport, Sports and Youth Affairs, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Cooperative Development, Food Supplies and Distribution Affairs and Rural Development. (Q/v(01)/13/12)**

- a) Do you know that the Chairman of the Attanagalla Multipurpose Cooperative Society is a Director of the Rural Development Bank Association of Gampaha district?
- b) Due to that reason, when the Cooperative Board has informed that it is giving an annual interest of 16.25%, by depositing the Society's money worth Rs. 375 Lakhs under an interest of 15.25% in Gampaha District Cooperative Rural Bank and Rs. 150 Lakhs under an interest of 16% in the Colombo District Rural Bank Association, do you know that the Society lost Rs. 412,500/= worth interest annually?
- c) Do you accept the fact that by depositing the deposit money of Gampaha District Bank Association in the Sri Lanka National Cooperative Board in year 2012 on Chairman's discretion and under the decision of the Board of Directors, an additional interest of Rs. 468,750/- was received?

- d) Are you aware that the commissions received for medicine purchased for the Cooperative Pharmacy functioning under the Society are obtained by the Chairman privately?
- e) Do you know that the Consumer Section of the Society receive a loss of Rs. 15 Lakhs per month?
- f) Are you aware that three members of the Director Board including the Vice-chairman of the Association have resigned from their posts from 20/06/2013 against these forgeries and corruptions?
- g) Would you take steps against irregularities of the Chairman? If not, why is that?

**04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Niroshan Padukka from the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Agrarian Development, Minor Irrigation and Environmental Affairs. (Q/v(01)/13/13)**

- a) What is the expenditure borne by your ministry for the Manioc Dansela and ceremony to honour War-heroes, held in Piliyandala town?
- b) For which matters?
- c) What is the relationship between the Karuna Samadhi Foundation and your ministry?
- d) Who are the chief officers of that Samadhi Foundation?
- e) Is there a contract between your ministry and Karuna Samadhi Foundation?
- f) According to the newspaper reports about the said Dansela, were 2.2 Tons of Manioc was distributed?
- g) If not how much?

**VI. Motions for leave of absence**

**VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of the Ministers**

**VIII. Personal Explanations**

**IX. Private Members' 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 Lalith Ellawala:**

“As the currently Prevailing provincial Council and Parliamentary preferential election system is an election system which is difficult and problematic both to the contestants as well to the voters, the Western Provincial Council proposes to the Government that measures shall be taken to hold all the future elections for provincial councils and parliament at divisional level and seat level respectively as it has been adopted for the new local government election system” (M/v(01)13/04)

## **X. Adjournment of the Council**

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