COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

On 03rd September 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. Chief Opposition Whip-U. George Perera on 06.08.2013 to be replied by 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?

VI. Motions for leave of absence

VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of the Ministers

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Council Meetings

To be presented by the Hon. Minister of Council Affairs

Motion:

"According to the agreement reached at the Business Advisory Committee held on 19.08.2013, subsequent to the dispersal of this Council today (03.09.2013), it shall assemble again at 9.30 a.m. on 24.09.2013, and 17.09.2013(Tuesday) shall be considered as a date on which the Council meeting will not be held."

X. Council Affairs

To be presented by the Hon. Minister of Council Affairs

Motion:

"Today (03.09.2013), the order of affairs under the subject of Public Affairs, shall be amended considering the order as No. 06, 07, 01, 02, 03, 04 and 05 respectively, and the proceedings of the Council shall be in accordance with it."

XI. Public Affairs

01. Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga- the 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, Energy and Trade Affairs (W.P.):

By Laws Pertaining to Parking of Three-wheelers (Kalutara Pradeshiya Sabha)

"By laws named; "By-Laws Pertaining to Parking of Three-wheelers" of the Kalutara Pradeshiya Sabha, compiled by the Kalutara Pradeshiya Sabha as per Section 122(1) of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act No 15 of 1987,

having approved by me according to the powers conferred to me as per Section 123(1) of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act No 15 of 1987- read along with the Second Section of the Provincial Council (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989, as the 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, Energy and Trade Affairs of the Western Province,

the notice of which was published in the Extraordinary Gazette Paper of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 1725/16 by the date of 29.09.2011; and

while proposing those by-laws shall not be non-adopted, they were presented to this Western Province Provincial Council on 18.06.2013 as per Section 125 of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act No 15 of 1987- read along with Section 2 of the Provincial Council (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989, also, were referred to the Committee on Statutes and Laws wherein after subjecting it to further discussions, as the said Committee has provided its recommendations, proceedings shall be taken considering those recommendations too ."

02. Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga- the 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, Energy and Trade Affairs (W.P.):

By-law related to the allocation of places for vehicle parking within the area of authority of Urban Council, levying charges on vehicles parked in such places and control over parking of vehicles.

"By laws named; "By-Law related to the allocation of places for vehicle parking within the authority of Urban Councils, charging money for parking of vehicles at such places and control over parking of vehicles",

having compiled by the, the 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, Energy and Trade Affairs of the Western Province under Sub-section (i) of Section 2 of Local Authorities (Standard By-laws) Act No. 06 of 1952 - read with Section 2 of the Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989 and published by the date of 29th September 2011 in the Extraordinary Gazette Paper No. 1725/16 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,

were presented for the approval of the Western Province Provincial Council on 18.06.2013 under Section 3 of the aforementioned Local Authorities (Standard By-laws) Act - read with Section 2 of the Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989, also, were referred to the Committee on Statutes and Laws, wherein, after subjecting it to further discussions, as the said Committee has provided its recommendations, proceedings shall be taken considering those recommendations too."

03. Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga- the 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, Energy and Trade Affairs (W.P.):

By-law related to the allocation of places for vehicle parking within the area of authority of Pradeshiya Sabha, levying charges on vehicles parked in such places and control over parking of vehicles

"By laws named; "By-Law related to the allocation of places for vehicle parking within the authority of Pradeshiya Sabha, charging money for parking of vehicles at such places and control over parking of vehicles",

having compiled by the 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, Energy and Trade Affairs of the Western Province under Sub-section (i) of Section 2 of Local Authorities (Standard By-laws) Act No. 06 of 1952- read with Section 2 of the Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12

of 1989 and published by the date of 29th September 2011in the Extraordinary Gazette Paper No. 1725/16 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,

were presented for the approval of the Western Province Provincial Council on 18.06.2013 under Section 3 of the aforementioned Local Authorities (Standard By-laws) Act-read with Section 2 of the Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989, also, were referred to the Committee on Statutes and Laws, wherein, after subjecting it to further discussions, as the said Committee has provided its recommendations, proceedings shall be taken considering those recommendations too."

04. Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga- the 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, Energy and Trade Affairs (W.P.):

By Law on Parking of Three-wheelers (Panadura Urban Council)

By-laws named "By-Laws relating to parking of Three-wheelers" of the Panadura Urban Council, compiled by the Panadura Urban Council as per Section 153 of the Urban Councils Ordinance which is Authority No. 255 and read with Sub-section 157 (14 a) of the same act,

having approved as per powers conferred to me by Section 154 of the Urban Councils Ordinance which is the Authority No. 255 - read with Section 2 of the Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989 as the 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, Energy and Trade Affairs of the Western Province,

the notice of which was published by the date of 09th November 2012 in the Extraordinary Gazette Paper No. 1783/39 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and

while proposing those by-laws shall not be non-adopted, they were presented to this Western Province Provincial Council on 18.06.2013 as per Section 156 of the Urban Councils Ordinance which is Authority No. 255 - read with Section 2 of the Provincial Council (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989, also, were referred to the Committee on Statutes and Laws, wherein,, after subjecting it to further discussions, as the said Committee has provided its recommendations, proceedings shall be taken considering those recommendations too."

05. Hon. Minister of Road Development, Animal Production and Livestock Development, Housing and Construction and Fisheries and Tourism (W.P.):

"Provincial Road Development Authority (Amendment) Statute of the Western Province, No. ... of 2013"

(Second Reading)

First Reading has been carried out on 18 06 2013

06. Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga- the 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, Energy and Trade Affairs (W.P.):

By Law on Crematoriums

(Attanagalla Pradeshiya Sabha)

"By laws named; "By-laws on Crematoriums of Attanagalla Pradeshiya Sabha", formulated by the Attanagalla Pradeshiya Sabha under powers conferred by Section 122 of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act No 15 of 1987, read with Section 126(xiv) of the same act,

having approved as per powers vested in the 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, Energy and Trade Affairs of the Western Province, under Section 123(1) of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act No 15 of 1987 read with Section 2 of the Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989,

the notice of which was published in the Extraordinary Gazette Paper No. 1788/8 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka by the date of 11th December 2012; and

while proposing those by-laws shall not be non-adopted, they will be presented to this Western Province Provincial Council as per Section 125 of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act No 15 of 1987 read with Section 2 of the Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989."

Relevant documents have been dispatched to all the Hon. Members along-with the agenda of 19.08.2013

07. Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga- the 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, Energy and Trade Affairs (W.P.):

By-laws on regulation of parking and control of Three Wheeler Taxies and levy of charges

(Kaduwela Municipal Council)

"By laws named; "By-Laws on regulation of parking and control of Three Wheeler Taxies and levy of charges within the area of authority of the Kaduwela Municipal Council", formulated by the Kaduwela Municipal Council under Sub-section 32 of Section 272 of the Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter 252) read with Sub-section (1) of Section 267 of the said Ordinance.

having approved as per powers vested in the 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, Energy and Trade Affairs of the Western Province under Sub-section (1) of Section 268 of the Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter 252) read with Sub-section (1) in Section 2 of the Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989,

the notification of which was published in the Extraordinary Gazette Paper No. 1788/8 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, by the date of 11th December 2012, and,

While proposing those by laws should be affirmed, the said by laws will be presented to this Western Province Provincial Council under Sub-section 268 of the Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter 252) read with Section 2 of the Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989."

Relevant documents have been dispatched to all the Hon. Members along-with the agenda of 19.08.2013

XII. 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)

XIII. Adjournment of the Council

K.H.D.K. Samarakoon Secretary, Western Province Provincial Council

19.08.2013 Council Secretariat (W.P.), Western Province Provincial Council, 5th Floor, Wing 'B', Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla.