

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

18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 (Monday), at 09.30 a.m.

**AGENDA**

- I. Announcements by the Chairman**
- II. Presentation of Papers and Documents**
- III. Presentation of Committee Reports**
- IV. Petitions**
- V. Questions**

**01. Question asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe on 05.07.2016 from Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/53)**

- a) How many teachers are there in schools functioning under the Western Provincial Council?
- b) From that amount, how many are they according to teacher categories?
- c) Would you present to this honourable assembly as to the number of teachers that should be there in the province according to circular provisions, and how many are they according to teacher categories?
- d) How many are the persons who have not yet received teacher appointments after having passed in the competitive examination held in year 2014 for recruitment of graduate teachers to Western Provincial Teachers' Service?
- e) When would the teacher appointments be given to the said persons who have passed in the aforementioned examination?
- f) What obstructions exist against providing teaching appointments to the persons who have passed in the said examination?

**02. Question asked by Hon. Member Lalith Ellawala on 05.07.2016 from Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/55)**

- a) Have you done an analysis on Ordinary Level and Advanced Level results by each school of Bandaragama Divisional Education Office area?
- b) Would you table a results analysis report by each subject and by each school, based on Ordinary Level and Advanced Level classes of the same Education Division from year 2010 to 2015?
- c) According to the statistics given by the said analysis report, are you satisfied about the qualitative development of education within the Division?
- d) What are the measures taken by you for the qualitative development of education in the Bandaragama Education Division?

**03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member K.D. Aruna Deepal from the Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/16/56)**

- a) Do you know that a financial forgery has taken place at 532/C Wattegedara Thrift and Credit Cooperative Society Ltd located at the address of No.129, Wattegedara Road, Maharagama? If so, which kind of financial forgery? Involving how much money?
- b) If this society has registered itself to accept monetary deposits under Cooperative Act, would you table a certified copy of the relevant registration certificate?
- c) Have internal audits been conducted in years 2013, 2014, 2015 in relation to financial activities of the said society? Has the aforementioned forgery revealed therein? Would you table the relevant audit report? If not, why is that?
- d) Were depositors' money being invested in another bank? If so, in what manner in what place? If not, what action had been taken with regard to that money?
- e) Has a Director Board been appointed in years of 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016? Who are they along with their names and addresses?
- f) Can you present facts on written documents with regard to the appointment of the above Director Boards? If so, what are those documents?
- g) Have the persons connected to these forgeries been identified? Who are they nominally and in designation-wise? What action have been taken with regard to them?

**04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member K.D. Aruna Deepal from the Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development.**  
**(Q/VI(1)/16/57)**

a) How many are the;

- (i) Cooperative Divisions? What are they?
- (ii) Cooperative Rural Banks? What are they?
- (iii) Supermarkets? What are they?;

existing in active state in each Electoral Division of the Western Province as at 01.01.2009?

b) How many are the;

- (i) Number of Cooperative Divisions? What are they?
- (ii) Number of Cooperative Rural Banks? What are they?
- (iii) Number of Supermarkets? What are they?

that have been newly opened annually from year 2009 up-to-date in the order of their opening?

c) How many are the;

- (i) Number of Cooperative Divisions? What are they?
- (ii) Number of Cooperative Rural Banks? What are they?
- (iii) Number of Supermarkets? What are they?

that have been closed down annually from year 2009 up-to-date in the order of their closing down?

d) How many are the;

- (i) Number of Cooperative Divisions? What are they? How much is the annual loss?
- (ii) Number of Cooperative Rural Banks? What are they? How much is the annual loss?
- (iii) Number of Supermarkets? What are they? How much is the annual loss?

that are being maintained at a loss from year 2009 onwards till present?

**05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Sarath Pathirana from the Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services, Women's Affairs and Council Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/16/58)**

- a) Can you explain to this Provincial Council as to which person or institution holds the ownership of Homagama- Meegaoda Child and Maternity Care Clinic ?
- b) Do you know that a large number of people attend to this clinic from areas such as Meegoda North, Meegoda South, Watareka North and Panaluwa divisions to obtain services from this clinic?
- c) Do you know that the building in which this clinic is being held is in critically dilapidated state and its space is not sufficient?
- d) In which year was this building developed for the final time?
- e) Would you make a special mediation to minimize the shortcomings existing in Meegoda Child and Maternity Care Clinic, as well as, to allocate necessary facilities to convert it into a place where people can obtain services conveniently?

**06. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Sarath Pathirana from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Engineering Services, Law and Order, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Economic Promotion, Electricity and Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/16/59)**

- a) How much is the total value of office equipment purchased within years 2014, 2015 up to June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2016 to the Western Provincial Office of the Commissioner of Local Government, Colombo District Office of the Assistant Commissioner of Local Government, Gampaha District Office of the Assistant Commissioner of Local Government, Kalutara District Office of the Assistant Commissioner of Local Government ?
- b) What are the equipment purchased separately for each such place in each such year?
- c) As a result of new purchases, what are the equipment removed from use from the said places in each year separately?
- d) Are there other expenses such as new constructions or goods-arranging carried out in the said premises during the aforementioned years?
- e) What were the necessities that became reasons for the said expenses?

**07. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Nandana Pathmakumara from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/60)**

- a) (i) Did the Western Provincial Council conduct the examination in year 2014 to recruit teachers for teacher vacancies?
  - (ii) For which subjects was that and when?
  - (iii) How many vacancies did exist for each subject?
- b) (i) Were teachers recruited on the results of the examination conducted?
  - (ii) How many was that?
  - (iii) Would you mention those numbers according to subjects?
- c) (i) Are there more teacher vacancies?
  - (ii) How many is that? For which subjects?
  - (iii) How many are they at district level?
- d) (i) What action would you take to fill these vacancies?
  - (ii) How much time would be spent for this?

**08. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Rose Fernando from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/61)**

- a) Are you aware that a building in WP/Neg/ Bolawalana Nimala Mariya Maha Vidyalaya in which around 1300 students study, has already been removed as it is not fit for use?
- b) Do you know that Dancing subject and other additional subjects are conducted in temporary locations owing to this reason?
- c) (i) Therefore, can a provision-amount be allocated on behalf of the building requirement to maintain academic affairs of the school?
  - (ii) If not, what are the possible temporary or permanent solutions that can be presented on behalf of school's building requirement?
- d) Do you know: even though there is a building close-by this school, which at present is being controlled by Sri Lanka Examinations Department, it has been closed down for more than five years?
- e) Can the said building be assigned to this school for academic affairs?
- f) Within how much of time period is it expected to take action to solve these problems?

**09. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Rose Fernando from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/62)**

- a) Are you aware that around 350 students studying at present in WP/Gam/ Minuwangoda Batepola Primary School are devoid of sufficient building facilities to conduct academic affairs?
- b) Do you know that Grade 4B and Grade 5 classes of this school are being conducted in an already dilapidated building while Grade 2A, 2B and 3A classes are conducted in temporary locations?
- c) Do you also know that this school does not have a Library building?
- d) Do you know that there is already a teacher shortage in this school in primary classes?
- e) (i) Would you take immediate action regarding these problems?  
(ii) If not, why is that?
- f) Within how much of time period is it expected to take action to solve these problems?

**10. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Rose Fernando from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/63)**

- a) How much money was allocated by the Western Provincial Ministry of Sports to Kochchikade Maha Vidyalaya in Negombo Education Division for development of school playground and promotion of sports?
- b) Would you mention the name of the contractor who was selected to complete work under the said amount?
- c) (i) What are the work completed by the contractor so far?  
(ii) Who is the Technical Officer who inspected those work?  
(iii) Can the part of work completed so far be ensured for its quality?
- d) (i) Has a post-inquiry been conducted by your ministry regarding this project?  
(ii) Do you accept that no service sufficing for the amount paid has been carried out?
- e) (i) Would you conduct a proper investigation into the misuse of money of this project and present its results immediately to this Council?  
(ii) 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 Council agreement reached at the Council Meeting held on 05<sup>th</sup> July 2016 , subsequent to today’s (18.07.2016) dispersal, this Council shall assemble again on 09<sup>th</sup> August 2016(Tuesday) at 9.30 a.m.”*

**X. Private Members’ Motions**

**01. Hon. Member Lalith Ellawala**

“His Excellency the President Maithripala Sirisena’s new government making plans by appointing committees to punish through law the offenders who are responsible for corruption, forgeries, homicides, misusing of state property; alleged to have been committee during the previous government, is an appreciable matter.

There is no other time in recent Sri Lankan history than the period of 1989 -1990 during which time killing of people took place amidst destruction of state property at large. Therefore, this Western Provincial Council requests from His Excellency the President to take action to appoint a committee to investigate into such destructions and punish through law the persons who destroyed state property and carried out human killings as well as to recover from responsible persons the value of state property destroyed.”

**(M/vi(01)/15/02)**

**02. Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe:**

“Enrollment of children to schools has escalated into a very critical status.

Although a formal procedure is in action to enroll children to Grade One and Grade Six in comparison to the process of enrolling children to other Grades, such a formal procedure is not in practice to enroll children to other Grades. It is learnt that accepting various bribes, corruption, various irregularities have cropped up as a result.

Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council is in the opinion that a request should be made from all the relevant parties to establish a more formal procedure for enrollment of children to other Grades as is the procedure followed at present with regard to enrollments to Grade One and Grade Six, and, to take measures to implement it in Western Provincial Council schools.”

**(M/vi(01)/15/04)**

**XI. Adjournment of the Council**

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