

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

**at the Council Chamber of the Provincial Council Building Complex of the Western
Province at No. 204, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Sri Jayawardhanapura,
Battaramulla**

on 22nd July 2014, 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 to be asked by Hon. Member Sunil Watagala from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information . (Q/VI(1)/14/23)

- a) Are you aware that plans are being made to remove the trading community who are engaged in business facing Olcott Mawatha, Colombo 11?
- b) Who owns that land in which they conduct their businesses?
- c) Do you know that the alternative land with trade stalls that would be provided for them belongs to the Department of Railways?
- d) If the above alternative trade stalls are located within the land extent belonging to the Department of Railways, do you accept the fact that the said trade stalls are illegal?
- e) Do you accept the fact that the trading community of Olcott Mawatha is engaged in business there for more than 60 years?
- f) If removal does take place, why a monetary compensation wouldn't be made considering their time of stay and trade?
- g) On which basis did the basic amount of money and tax amount to be charged for alternative trade stalls were decided?

02. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mujibur Rahuman from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information . (Q/VI(1)/14/24)

- a) How many schools are there within the Western Province separately as provincial schools and national schools?
- b) According to the school categorization, how many schools include to the categories of 1, AB, 1C, 2 ?
- c) According to the Schools Acquisition Act of 1961, what is the number of schools belonging to the Western Province that require maintaining religious ratio?
- d) Is there an obstruction to enroll students of other religious faiths to schools that need to maintain religious ratio when there is no sufficient number of students of the allotted religion?
- e) Are you aware that it does not require maintaining a ratio in other schools which have not been acquired under the School Acquisition Act?
- f) If so, what action would be taken by you with regard to these schools?

03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mujibur Rahuman from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information . (Q/VI(1)/14/25)

- a) Do you accept that Principal vacancies need to be filled having called applications properly as per Circular No. 1998/23 when filling Principal vacancies in schools of the Western Province?
- b) What is the number of schools of the Western Province that exist presently with Principal post vacancies?
- c) Are you aware that the total numbers of schools with Principal vacancies have not been included in the Government newspapers notice of 04.06.2014 published to call applications to fill Principal vacancies?
- d) What is the immediate measure that would be taken to fill the Principal vacancies in schools that have not been included thus?

04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipunaarachchi from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information . (Q/VI(1)/14/26)

- a) Do you accept that the building inclusive of land of WP/Pili/ Pamankada Sanghamiththa Vidyalaya has been allocated to National Cadet Officer's Headquarters on 06.09.2004 for a period of 25 years according to a decision of Provincial Board of Ministers?
- b) Do you accept that no physical change shall be made without proper consent of Provincial Department Education and Provincial Ministry of Education, is a condition of the said allotment?
- c) Are you aware that physical changes have been made by contravening the relevant conditions?
- d) Do the activities carried out in the relevant place at present comply with the objective of the Ministry of Education of the Province?
- e) If not, why is that?

05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information . (Q/VI(1)/14/27)

- a) (I) Do you accept that the annual Esala Maha Perahera of Ruhunu Maha Kataragama Temple as an official duty of the Western Provincial Ministry of Education?
- (II) If you accept thus, would you explain to this Council as to what that duty was and according to which circular does it become a duty?
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- b) (I) If it is not an official duty, on which basis did the Secretary to the Ministry of Western Provincial Education and Local Government approved official leave from 28.06.2014 to 13.07.2014 to four employees of Col/ Weluwana Vidyalaya, Col/ C.W.W. Kannangara Maha Vidyalaya, Hom/ Ilukovita Primary School, Hom/ Millewa Maha Vidyalaya and a Dancing Instructor?
- (II) Similarly, on which basis did the approval for official leave has been given to the above-mentioned Dancing Instructor on the two days of 19.06.2014 and 20.06.2014?

06. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information .
(Q/VI(1)/14/28)

- a) (I) Who is the statutory authority with regard to appointments, transfers, disciplinary actions of the Provincial Public Service?
- (II) Have certain delegate/ delegates been appointed to carry out the said powers him?
- (III) If so, who are they?
- b) (I) Who is the statutory authority related to appointment and transfers of Principals?
- (II) Would you explain whether the Principals have been appointed within the Province by complying with the said statutory power?
- (III) Were the Principals of Kalutara Muslim School and Kalutara Jilan Muslim Madya Maha Vidyalaya appointed according to the statutory power?
- (IV) Have the powers related to appointment and transfer of teachers and Principals of Muslim schools of the Province assigned to the Hon. Governor?

07. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Electricity and Power, Provincial Roads, Housing and Construction, Water Supplies and Drainage, Social Welfare and Urban and Estate Sector Infrastructure Facilities .
(Q/VI(1)/14/29)

- a) (I) Would you explain to this Council whether the road that runs from Galkanda Junction of Route No. 05 in Minuwangoda Electorate through Bodhipituwala to Wankapumulla, and Kamaragoda belongs to Pradeshiya Sabha or Provincial Council?
- (II) Do you accept that the said road has been carpeted and developed up to Kamaragoda from Bodhipituwala Junction?
- b) (I) Do you accept that 1500 Meter distance of the said road has become dilapidated from Galkanda Junction to Bodhipituwala end?
- (II) If so, would that part be renovated and developed?
- (III) From which date onwards would those activities be commenced?

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 Ajantha Niroshan Padukka :

“Western Province Solid Waste Management Authority, for the past seven years, has been incapable of successfully implementing the control, collection, disposal of garbage and solid waste of Western Province as well as production of electricity and compost manure as by-products of the said process.

Within this period, the requirement for implementing this process, which is a major and essential process of the province, in more effective and efficient manner, has been felt by the whole province.

Therefore, to strengthen more the town development process carried out by the Urban Development Authority at present, this Provincial Council is in the opinion that in collaboration with the Urban Development Authority of the Central Government which has strong finances and technology to implement such projects; short term and long term plans limited to certain time frame should be planned and implemented.”

(M/vi (01)/14/01)

2. Hon. Member Mahesh Almeida:

At present we see the children of school attending age of the Western Province are afflicted by various diseases and suffering in large numbers. The main reason affecting this situation is bad health habits and abnormalities in behavior systems. As a result, children get afflicted by non-contagious diseases commonly and largely.

Similarly, children are commonly affected by deadly Dengue fever and it has become evident that our lack of interest to keep the environment cleanly has caused this situation. Considering all these situations, as a step towards saving the children from these diseases and suffering, this Council proposes that having established Health Societies in schools by Western Provincial Education Ministry and Health Ministry in collaboration, to mediate through a legal framework for matters like raising awareness in children, providing medicine and instructions on illnesses and cleaning the environment.”

(M/vi (01)/14/02)

X. Adjournment of the Council

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