

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

on 07th October 2014, 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 U. George Perera on 23.09.2014 from the Hon. Minister of Electricity and Power, Provincial Roads, Housing and Construction, Water Supplies and Drainage, Social Welfare and Urban and Estate Infrastructure Facilities. (Q/VI(1)/14/35)

- a) Subsequent to the dissolving of the previous Provincial Council, how many Provincial Council roads have been developed within that period?
- b) Can those Provincial Council roads be named by district wise and electorate division wise?
- c) Have all the money payable for the roads developed within the aforesaid period been paid completely by now?
- d) By which ministerial fund have those money been paid?
- e) Are there uncompleted roads for which contracts have been signed within the said period? Can you name those roads?
- f) Has Advance money been paid prior to commencement of those Provincial Council roads? Can you name those roads?

02. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi 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)/14/39)

- a) How many Provincial Council schools are there in the Sri Jayawardhanapura Education Zone?

- b) What is the total number of students in these schools in Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 who are unable to write or read letters?
- c) Would you provide a report by schools and grades in relation to students who are unable to read and write?
- d) If not why is that?

03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi 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)/14/40)

- a) How many Provincial Council schools are there in the Homagama Education Zone?
- b) What is the total number of students in these schools in Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 who are unable to write or read letters?
- c) Would you provide a report by schools and grades in relation to students who are unable to read and write?
- d) If not why is that?

04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi 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)/14/41)

- a) How many Provincial Council schools are there in the Piliyandala Education Zone?
- b) What is the total number of students in these schools in Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 who are unable to write or read letters?
- c) Would you provide a report by schools and grades in relation to students who are unable to read and write?
- d) If not why is that?

05. Question asked by Hon. Member S. M. Marikkar 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)/14/42)

- a) Are you aware that repairs are taking place at the Public Cemetery of Mt. Lavinia belonging to the Dehiwala Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council area of authority?
- b) Would you mention under which Government or Provincial institution are these repairs taking place?
- c) (i) Have prices been called for those constructions?
(ii) Is that construction subjected to supervision? If so, which institution is that?
- d) Has legal approval been provided to cut off a number of valuable Teak trees which were standing parallel to the Galle Road within the cemetery?

- e) If so, would you mention the Government or Provincial institution that provided relevant approval?
- f) What action was taken with regard to the valuable Teak timber cut and removed like that?
- g) If those timber logs were sold, would you explain the measures taken with regard to the money received on such sale?

VI. Motions for Leave of Absence

VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of the Ministers

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Public Affairs

01. To be presented by Hon. Prasanna Ranathunga - 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 :

Rules for Travelling Expenses Payments to Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councilors of Municipal Councils of the Western Province
(Western Province Provincial Council)

“Rules named; ‘Rules for Travelling Expenses Payments to Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councilors of Municipal Councils of the Western Province’, formulated by the then Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Electricity and Power, Manpower and Employment and Economic Promotion of Western Province under Section 289 of the Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter 252) read with Section 2 of Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989 and published in the Extraordinary Gazette Paper No. 1846/19 dated 21.01.2014 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,

will be presented to this Western Province Provincial Council as per provisions stated further in Section 289 of the Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter 252) read with Section 2 of Provincial Council (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989 while proposing that these rules shall be adopted.”

02. To be presented by Hon. Prasanna Ranathunga - 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 :

Rules for Travelling Expenses Payments to Chairmen, Deputy Chairmen and Councilors of Urban Councils of Western Province
(Western Province Provincial Council)

“Rules named; ‘Rules for Travelling Expenses Payments to Chairmen, Deputy Chairmen and Councilors of Urban Councils of Western Province’, formulated by the then Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Electricity and Power, Manpower and Employment and Economic Promotion of Western Province under Sub-section 193(1)(gg) of Urban Councils Ordinance (Chapter 255) read with Section 2 of Provincial Councils

(Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989 and published in the Extraordinary Gazette Paper No. 1846/19 dated 21.01.2014 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,

will be presented to this Western Province Provincial Council as per provisions stated in Sub-section 194 of the Urban Councils Ordinance (Chapter 255) read with Section 2 of Provincial Council (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989 while proposing that these rules shall be adopted.”

03. To be presented by Hon. Prasanna Ranathunga - 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 :

Rules for Travelling Expenses Payments to Chairmen, Deputy Chairmen and
Councilors of Pradeshiya Sabha of Western Province
(Western Province Provincial Council)

“Rules named; ‘Rules for Travelling Expenses Payments to Chairmen, Deputy Chairmen and Councilors of Pradeshiya Sabha of Western Province’, formulated by the then Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Electricity and Power, Manpower and Employment and Economic Promotion of Western Province under Sub-section 184(1) of Pradeshiya Sabha Act No. 15 of 1987 read with Section 2 of Provincial Council (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989 and published in the Extraordinary Gazette Paper No. 1846/19 dated 21.01.2014 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,

will be presented to the Western Province Provincial Council as per provisions stated in Sub-section 184(2) of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act No. 15 of 1987 read with Section 2 of Provincial Council (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989 while proposing that these rules shall be adopted.”

X. Private Members’ Affairs

1. Hon. Chief Opposition Whip (W.P.) – Harshana Rajakaruna

“It has been reported through media that Police reports reveal Sri Lanka has become a center for drug distribution in South Asia.

Drugs, which is a critical threat to the good existence of the world has spread speedily throughout the country and the school children and the young generation are addicting to it daily. Herein, the child and young generation of the Western Province have become the most risk-prone category.

Although the largest stock of drugs in South Asia was taken into custody in Sri Lanka, not taking a proper legal action against it as well as release of containers at the harbor without proper inspection, have been huge encouragements to the drug traffickers.

The Government shall be responsible for all these situations and the Western Province Provincial Council requests from the Government to overcome this dormancy and take proper and immediate action to eradicate the drug menace from this country which is growing up so very dangerously.”

(M/vi (01)/14/05)

2. Hon. Member Sunil Watagala:

Online Lottery programme has been implemented from the first week of April 2014, and its headquarters is located at Nawam Mawatha, Colombo 02. Furthermore, it has been planned to establish 3000 such centers throughout the country. This is a gamble played in the guise of a lottery for which the young generation of our country is getting addicted speedily. The grave dangers posed by this are; sports like Lotto and Jackpot being contained in it and being able to interact with this programme from homes itself. As it is the utmost responsibility and duty of this Provincial Council to rescue the people of Western Province from such a menace, this Western Province Provincial Council is in the opinion that all the responsible people and institutions shall take care not to support movements like these. (M/vi (01)/14/06)

XI. Adjournment of the Council

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