

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

On 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 07.10.2014 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?

**02. Question asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 07.10.2014 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?

**03. Question asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 07.10.2014 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?

**04. Question asked by Hon. Member S. M. Marikkar on 07.10.2014 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?

**Question taken time to provide answers as pre provisions of Rules of Procedure Rule 31 a (1)**

**05. Question asked at the time of Council adjournment by Hon. Member Jagath Withana on 07.10.2014 from the Minister of Transport, Sports and Youth Affairs, Women's Affairs, Food Supplies and Distribution, Cooperative Development, Domestic Economic Promotion, Fisheries, Rural Development, Tourism, Investment Promotion Coordination and Animal Production and Development. (Q/VI(1)14/Adj/01)**

- i. Does the Road Passenger Transport Authority have the authority to check the buses that travel into and out of Western Province, i.e. the buses controlled by the National Transport Commission?
- a. If there is no such authority, do the other provincial councils; check, issue penalty papers, receive access fees when buses travel into and out of those provincial council areas of authorities?
- ii. Due to not checking buses by the Western Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority, do you know that the bus owners functioning under the Western Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority face a grave inconvenience?
- iii. Have access fees been received to the Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority from Bastian Mawatha Bus Terminal?
- a. Do you accept that the powers of this Authority have been trimmed arbitrarily by the Provincial minister functioning earlier and by the Chairman of the Transport Authority?
- b. Would you take action to assign this authoritative power again to the Provincial Transport Authority?

**06. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Nalinda Jayatissa 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)/14/43)**

- a) How many huts for lanterns were constructed for "Poson Udanaya 2014" organized by the Kalutara Pradeshhiya Sabha?
- b) Were tenders called from private institutions for construction of those huts? For how many huts was that?
- c) What is the institution that secured the said tender? What is the price amount presented by that institution for constructing 40 huts?
- d) How many 15×15 feet huts were constructed by that institution? What is the total amount paid on behalf of that?

- e) How many 10×10 feet huts were constructed by that institution? What is the total amount paid on behalf of that?

**07. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Nalinda Jayatissa 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)/14/44)**

- a) Was a Poson Zone held by Kalutara Pradeshiya Sabha from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at Gallassa area of Nagoda, Kalutara?
- b) What is the total amount spent for that zone? From that amount how much was spent by the Pradeshiya Sabha?
- c) When were the payments relevant to the pandol built by the Pradeshiya Sabha, loudspeakers of Poson Zone, stage constructions, electric lightings and lantern creations paid? To which institutions? Under which voucher numbers?
- d) Who has accepted those cheques from the Pradeshiya Sabha? What is the post held by that person in Pradeshiya Sabha currently?
- e) When was the approval of Pradeshiya Sabha obtained to make payments for each of these items?
- f) Has the Chairman of Pradeshiya Sabha breached financial rules and Sabha rules in relation to these payments?
- g) If such breach has been committed, what action would be taken with regard to that?

**08. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Edward Gunasekera from the Hon. Minister of Electricity and Power, Provincial Roads, Housing and Constructions, Water Supplies and Drainage, Social Welfare and Urban and Estate Infrastructure Facilities. (Q/VI(1)/14/45)**

- a) Do you accept that development activities of Amandoluwa-Kurunduwatte road controlled under the Seeduwa Urban Council resumed ceremoniously prior to the Western Provincial Council Elections with the participation of Provincial Council candidates and having erected a foundation stone carrying photographs of His Excellency the President, Minister Basil Rajapaksha and Minister Sudarshanie Fernandopulle and stating that Rs. 9.3 Million would be spent for the said project termed as “Gampaha Arunodaya”?
- b) Would you mention as to from which institution was the responsibility related to the development of the said road was assigned?
- c) As mentioned in that foundation stone; was the road developed having spent the said Rs. 9.3 Million?
- d) If not, was that amount spent for other activity?

- e) Do you accept that the said road has dilapidated severely at present and even walking on it has proven to be difficult to the people of the area ?
- f) Would you take necessary measures to develop the said road?
- g) 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 Affairs –I**

**To be presented by the Hon. Minister of Council Affairs**

Motion:

*“Today, Public Affairs shall take precedence”*

**Council Affairs - II**

**To be presented by the Hon. Minister of Council Affairs**

Motion:

*“Affairs under the subject of Public Affairs in today’s Agenda shall be conducted free from the provisions stated in Rules of Procedure Rule Nos. 52(5), 57(3), 57(4) and 57(5)”*

**X. Private Members’ Affairs**

**1. 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)

**2. Hon. Member M. Rose Fernando:**

Although the Government has taken measures to redefine certain jurisdictions located within the Western Province and to assign new jurisdictions also to assign duties accordingly, due to not taking measures therein according to proper methods, people have to face grave difficulties as

well as a waste of large amount of money takes place. When there is a closer court for the people, police officers and other public officials, they have to travel to a distant court wasting fuel for vehicles. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council is in the opinion that subsequent to subjecting all these facts under proper supervision, redefining process of the Court jurisdictions within Sri Lanka shall be carried out systematically through a committee comprising officers with proper experience. (M/vi (01)/14/07)

## **XI. Public Affairs**

### **01. 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 (W.P.)**

#### **Supplementary Estimate -02 of 2014**

*Supplementary Estimate -02 of 2014 (Rs. 1,608,099,000/-) prepared and presented to allocate provisions for the following stated requirements, i.e.:*

*to allocate additional provisions to make the payments of Cost of Living Allowance for the ministries/ departments and offices of Western provincial Council increased by Public Administrative Circular 37/2013 and for the essential salary and allowance payments,*

*allocation of additional provisions for the payment of Cost of Living Allowance increased by the Public Administrative Circular 37/2013 for the local government authorities of the Western Provincial Council,*

*to allocate additional provisions to pay for the health sector Overtime and Holiday Pay increased by Health Ministry General Circular and to provide allocations for additional provisions required for medical supplies in the indigenous medicine sector,*

*to allocate additional provisions required in relation to improvement of veterinary medical services as per budget proposals of 2014,*

*and to provide allocations worth 475 Million Rupees to bring provincial council development programmes up to the expected targets; shall be adopted.*

### **02. 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 (W.P.)**

#### **Appropriation Statute Relevant to the Supplementary Estimate – 02 of 2014**

*“The Appropriation Statute No... of 2014 which authorizes the payment of money needed for the Supplementary Estimate - 02 for year 2014 to a value of One Thousand Six Hundred Eight Million and Ninety Nine Thousand Rupees (Rs. 1,608,099,000) from the Western Provincial Council Fund and the acceptance of money for the said Western Provincial Fund provided by the Sri Lankan Government as grants or in another way, should be adopted”*

## **XII. Adjournment of the Council**

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