

**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 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015, 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 asked by Hon. Member K.D. Aruna Deepal on 01.12.2014 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)/14/59)**

- a) Was applications called for 06 categories of posts in relation to this year by administrative circular No. 03 for vacancies in Road Passenger Transport Authority?
- b) Could you present before this Council as to the internal applicants applied for each such post including their names and marks obtained by them at the interview separately?
- c) If not why is that?
- d) Are you aware that critical malpractices, injustices and forgeries have taken place at the relevant interview procedure?
- e) If you are aware of such what are they and for whom was such?
- f) What are the steps and actions taken by you as the subject minister to rectify these critical malpractices?

**02. Question asked by Hon. Member K.D. Aruna Deepal on 01.12.2014 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, Information and Trade Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/14/62)**

- a) How many pawning centers are maintained within the Western Province?

- b) Would you take action to state them separately by names, districts and Divisional Secretariat level?
- c) Do you accept the fact that there are pawning centers that are conducted without licenses?
- d) What are the pawning centers that are maintained at each Divisional Secretariat level, without licenses?
- e) What action has been taken with regard to those institutions?
- f) What actions have been taken by you and institutions functioning under you with regard to the said institutions?
- g) What is the revenue earned in this year through annual licenses of pawning centers?
- h) What is the expected revenue under revenue receivables for the annual budget document of year 2015?
- i) What is the proposed programme to collect that amount of money?

**03. Question asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 01.12.2014 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 and Trade Affairs.**

**(Q/VI(1)/14/63)**

- a) What is the number of provincial council schools located in the Education Zones of Minuwangoda, Negombo, Kelaniya, Horana, Kalutara and Mathugama, separately, by zonal level?
- b) What is the number of students in Grades 2, 3, 4, and 5 who are unable to read and write letters in schools of those zones, separately, by zonal level?
- c) Would you provide a report by each zonal level and according to schools and grades in relation to students who are unable to read and write?
- d) 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:**

*“Subsequent to today’s dispersal, this Council shall assemble again on 02<sup>nd</sup> of February 2015 [Monday] at 9.30 a.m. whereas, 03.02.2015 shall be considered as a date on which the Council Meeting will not be held and measures shall be taken accordingly”*

## **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. Adjournment of the Council**

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