

**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 07th April 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 Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 18.02.2015 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)/15/01)

- a) Were children enrolled for year 2015 to Grade 01 in Provincial Council schools of the Colombo district in Western Province?
- b) According to the said enrollments, what is the number of students in each such class including the names used to identify classes of a school and the number of vacancies remains to be filled?
- c) What is the number of students according to each school who have been approved as children of families in security forces engaged in active service?
- d) Accordingly, how many vacancies are there in to each class where enrollments can be made?
- e) What action would be taken to fill these vacancies?
- f) If not, why is that?

02. Question asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 18.02.2015 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)/15/02)

- a) Would you provide a report as to the number of students who are unable to write and read in classes of 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 according to each zonal office of Western Province?
- b) In accordance to the report, what is the total number of students who are unable to write and read?
- c) Within these Grade ranges what is the number of student who fell out from school attendance within the last five years?
- d) In which schools were they? Which grades?

03. Question asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 17.03.2015 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)/15/07)

- a) How many occasions did Hon. Minister Nimal Lansa as the Minister in charge of the subjects assigned to him engaged in foreign tours for the purposes of his position during the tenure of the 5th Provincial Council?
- b) What are the names of the countries and the dates of his foreign tours? Accordingly how many days did he stay abroad?
- c) To which programmes did he participate during those days?
- d) Who are the other persons participated in foreign tours along with the Minister?
- e) How much is the amount spent for each foreign tour?
- f) What is the total amount spent for the tours?
- g) What benefits did the Provincial Council receive as results of each tour?
- h) If not, why is that?

04. 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 and Trade Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/15/09)

- a) Are you aware that an audit query has been conducted on the irregular practices of the Principal of Henegama Madhya Maha Vidyalaya in Kelaniya Education Zone?
- b) Are you aware that the said Principal has engaged in an irregular practice according to the said audit inquiry?
- c) What action was taken by you and your ministry with regard to that?
- d) Aren't you aware that keeping this Principal in the said post in same school continuously when there are allegations of irregularity against him is contrary to the Disciplinary Procedure?

- e) Are you aware that a complaint has been lodged before the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption having forwarded the audit inquiry that was conducted in relation to irregular practices carried out by this Principal within the school?
- f) If so, what action was taken by you with regard to that?
- g) When considerable time has lapsed after the aforesaid audit inquiry, would you present to this Council as to the reasons why proper action is not taken against this Principal?

05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Transport, Sports and Youth Affairs, Women's Affairs, Food Supplies and Distribution Affairs, Cooperative Development, Domestic Economic Promotion, Fisheries, Rural Development, Tourism, Investment Promotion Coordination and Animal Production and Development. (Q/VI(1)/15/10)

- a) Are you aware that for a long time passengers travelling in the road leading from Negombo to Muthuwadiya do not have a bus for transportation?
- b) Are you aware that they have become greatly inconvenienced when travelling to jobs, sending children to schools in the mornings and returning homes at evenings?
- c) Have you taken any step regarding this matter?
- d) If not, why is that?
- e) Would you take certain measure having coordinated the relevant institutions to accomplish public transportation need of the people of this area?

06. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Nalinda Jayathissa 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)/15/11)

- a) From among the schools of Kalutara district, what are the schools in possession of buses as at 01st of March 2015 which are being used for welfare activities in schools?
- b) When have they received to schools?
- c) What is the type of those buses and registration numbers?
- d) Would you mention separately as to how those buses were received to schools, from Government, old students' association fund or through private donors?
- e) If private donors have involved, would you mention separately the names of those private donors in relation to each school?
- f) Which buses among them lie at running condition?

07. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Nalinda Jayathissa 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)/15/12)

- a) Was a project for distribution of school bags and equipment to Grade 1 students in Kalutara and Mathugama Education Zones held by the Provincial Ministry of Education in February and March of 2015?
- b) If not, do you know that such functions were held within schools or outside schools during the said time period?
- c) Have Zonal Education Directors given permission for principals of each such school to make students participate in those functions within school hours in school uniforms?
- d) If students were made to participate in those functions without permission, have the relevant principals committed any offence?
- e) If any such offence has been committed what action would be taken?

08. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Nalinda Jayathissa from the Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Probation and Child Care Services and Council Affairs (Q/VI(1)/15/13)

- a) Is a project for construction of waiting rooms for patients arriving to obtain treatment from Out Patients' Department in hospitals being implemented by the Provincial Ministry of Health?
- b) Which hospitals have been selected for that?
- c) How many square feet is the extent of each waiting room?
- d) Separately, how much is the amount of money spent for each construction?

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 Ranatunga – 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:**

Motion:

**By-law on Oppressive Trades, Dangerous Trades and Oppressive and Dangerous Trades
(Minuwangoda Pradeshiya Sabha)**

The by-law named “By-law on Oppressive Trades, Dangerous Trades and Oppressive and Dangerous Trades within the Minuwangoda Pradeshiya Sabha area of Authority” drafted by Minuwangoda Pradeshiya Sabha under Section 122(1) of Pradeshiya Sabha Act No. 15 of 1987, having approved by the then Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Economic Promotion, Electricity and Power and Trade Affairs of Western Province as per powers entrusted to him under Section 123(1) of Pradeshiya Sabha Act No. 15 of 1987 read with Section 2 of Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989, and;

the announcement of the said approval was published in the Extraordinary Gazette Paper NO. 1846/13 dated 20.01.2014 of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;

while proposing that the Council should not fail to pass these by-laws, it is hereby emphasized that the said by-laws, as they have been referred to this Western Province Provincial Council on 19.08.2014 as per Section 125 of Pradeshiya Sabha Act No. 15 of 1987 read with Section 2 of Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989, subsequently the same has been discussed at the Committee on Statutes and Laws held on 03.03.2015 and the report including its recommendations has been presented to this Provincial Council on 17.03.2015; measures shall be taken considering the recommendations of the aforesaid Committee”

X. Private Members’ Affairs

- 1. Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe:**

“At present, within the Western Province, fees are being charged from school children and parents from time to time. Collecting money from children’s parents when children are enrolled to Grade One, Grade Six and Grade Twelve as well as for other requirements in classes have put them in greater difficulties. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council holds the

opinion that levying fees (except Facilities Fees) from school children's parents of the Western Province should be suspended." (M/vi (01)/14/09)

2. Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi:

"Being a process that oppresses children and parents both, there is a necessity to change the present procedure followed in enrolling students to Grade 1 in Western Provincial schools. To achieve that, this Western Province Provincial Council holds the view that filling all the vacancies prior to elapsing of one month from the date of children's enrollment to schools, by making the Provincial Council receive the name list of children of persons employed in Security Forces prior to elapsing of 3 weeks from the date of children's enrollment to schools, cancelling the enrollment of children according to the list presented by ruling party members, preparing a permanent register in chronological order according to the marks received by each child participating in the interview and taking measures to enroll children to schools according to the order of marks received by them should be implemented and thereby enrollments to Grade 1 in schools of Western Province should be regularized, while, ensuring at the same time for the people of the Province the human right that should be there to enroll a child to a school." (M/vi (01)/14/10)

XI. Adjournment of the Council

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