

**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 12th May 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 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)/15/16)

- a) I Are you aware about the fact that tenders have been awarded to Divi Neguma Weekly Fair of Nittambuwa belonging to Attanagalla Pradeshiya Sabha ?
 - II If so, what is its annual value?
- b) I Do you know that more than 1000 traders trade in this fair?
 - II How much is charged per week from them by the tender holder?
 - III Are receipts issued on behalf of that?
- c) I What is the hindrance preventing the operation of this fair premise by the Pradeshiya sabha?
 - II Due to non-operation thus, what is the amount of money lost to the Pradeshiya Sabha annually?
 - III What is the hindrance to maintain this fair-premise by the Pradeshiya Sabha in future to allocate traders with places on concessionary charges?

02. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe 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)/15/17)

- a) Are you aware that the Provincial Road Development Authority has been assigned under a project of Ministry of Economic Promotion of the previous Government, the development of Major Munipura Gunapala Mawatha of Bandara Watawala village of Bemmulla area belonging to Attanagalla Electoral Division in Gampaha District?
- b) I Are you aware that at present, the layer of tar covering the road surface has been removed with the expectation of carpeting it?
II Do you accept that the people of the area face severe difficulties when they travel on that road?
- c) I Have estimates being prepared by the Office of Road Development Authority – Nittambuwa, for carpeting this road which is about 780 Meters in length?
II How much is that amount?
- d) When would the development of this road by carpeting commence?

03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Srinath Perera from 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)/15/18)

- a) Are you aware that the Main-Hall building of Pitipana Maha Vidyalaya of Negombo Education Zone has become dilapidated irreparably?
- b) Do you know that the Regional Engineer has recommended in year 2012 the immediate evacuation of students from the said building?
- c) Due to lack of space, do you know that the students of several classes do still receive education in that building amidst serious unsafe conditions?
- d) Do you know that though work has begun in year 2012 to construct a new building, its construction work has halted?
- e) Are you aware that the said partial construction too is decaying?
- f) Would you explain reasons as to halting of construction work on the way and inability to resume work again?

- g) What measures would be taken to complete this construction immediately and until then, to create a safe environment for the students to receive education?
- h) Do you know that simultaneous to Asian Games of 2017, Rupees Five Hundred Thousand had been allocated for the development work of school playground? Have development activities taken place accordingly?
- i) Would you mention the number of teacher vacancies in the school?

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 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 oppress 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)

X. Adjournment of the Council

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