

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

05th January 2016, at 09.30 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. Announcements by the Chairman**
- II. Presentation of Papers and Documents**
- III. Presentation of Committee Reports**
- IV. Petitions**
- V. Questions**

01. The question asked by Hon. Member Salochana Gamage on 20.10.2015 from Hon. Minister of Fisheries, Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. **(Q/VI(1)/15/40)**

- a) When gold jewelry in Rural Banks is auctioned, which institutions function as the representative agencies?
- b) What is the bond and responsibility between Rural Banks and the representative agencies?
[At a time of an auction]
- c) What is the legal code covering it?
- d) Subsequent to presenting gold jewelry for auctioning, who owns the final decisive authority?

02. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Kithsiri Kahatapitiya from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Engineering Services, Law and Order, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Economic Promotion, Electricity and Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism Affairs. **(Q/VI(1)/15/76)**

- a) How many Daham Schools of Buddhist, Hindu, and Islam religions are there in Western Province within the years of 2012, 2013 and 2014?
- b) How much has been allocated to each such registered Daham School in each year for development?
- c) From which fund was the relevant financial provisions were allocated?
- d) Are there Daham Schools which have not been provided with funds in that manner?
- e) If not allocated, why was that? If allocated, according to which system?

VI. Motions for Leave of Absence

VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of the Ministers

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Council Affairs

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

Motion:

“According to the agreement reached at the Business Advisory Committee meeting held on 18.12.2015 and 23.12.2015, activities under the subject of Public Affairs in the Agenda today (05.01.2016) shall be conducted free from the provisions stated in the Rules of Procedure Rule Nos. 15(4), 63(a)(2) and 63(a)(3).”

X. Public Affairs

- 01. Hon. Isura Devapriya - Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Engineering Services, Law and Order, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Economic Promotion, Electricity and Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism Affairs (W.P.).**

Motion:

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka **Right to Information Bill**

As the Right to Information Bill of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has been referred to this Provincial Council by Hon. Governor of Western Province by the date of 16.12.2015 requesting a statement of this Provincial Council subsequent to presenting the Bill to the Western Province Provincial Council as per Sub-clause (3) of Clause No. 154(g) of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, and requesting such statement be submitted within a time period of 12 days in order to enable reporting of such statement to His Excellency the President, on the cause of which the Provincial Council nevertheless assembled on 22.12.2015 to discuss about the said Bill and according to the Provincial Councils' unanimous expression of that day to request from Hon. Governor allotment of sufficient time as a need has arisen for a deep study and discussion on the said Bill owing to the complexity of it and the time period currently allotted therein not being sufficient at all; a sufficient time period has already been requested and as agreed upon at the Business Advisory Committee meeting of 23.12.2015, this Provincial Council intends that measures shall be taken to discuss by the same Provincial Council about the said Bill on Right to Information, today (05.01.2016), and decisions reached accordingly having discussed the said bill, shall be conveyed to Hon. Governor in order to be reported to His Excellency the President.

[Relevant copies of documents have been distributed to Hon. Members at Council meetings held on 21.12.2015 and 22.12.2015]

XI. Private Members' Motions

01. Hon. Member Indika Bandara:

“Several Ranaviru Villages have been established within the Western Province and in these villages live the soldiers who sacrificed their lives to save our country from the war existed in our country for more than 30 years, soldiers who became disabled owing to the same cause, their parents, wives and children.

Although, during election times, representatives of all the political parties go to the said villages and obtain votes, the people of these villages suffer from various problems such as; lack of transport facilities, health facilities, educational facilities and drinking water facilities. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council hereby proposes that a systematic programme shall be set up to look into the above mentioned requirements and problems of people living in those Ranaviru Villages who actually made a great commitment to our country and to uplift the living conditions of the said people as a solution to the above mentioned requirements and problems.”

(M/vi(01)/14/13)

02. Hon. Member Mahesh Almeida:

“A large number of people live in estate related areas in Western Province and a large number of estate schools have been established with the objective of making better the lives of children of estate people and transform such children into strong partners in the country's economy. Even though a lot of facilities have been allotted to ensure reception of proper education by these children who are studying in estate schools, the teachers teaching in them are facing many difficulties.

Among the difficulties faced by such teachers, the main difficulty is transportation available for them to reach the said schools. As a solution to it, this Provincial Council is in the opinion that measures should be taken, by the intervention of the Western Province Provincial Council, to provide a motorcycle to all the Teachers and Principals of estate schools to facilitate their transportation affairs.”

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

XII. Adjournment of the Council

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