

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

09th February 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. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Niroshan Padukka from the Hon. Minister of Fisheries, Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/15/77)

- a) Is there a building of Cooperative being constructed in Egodawaththa area in Borelasgamuwa at a cost of Fifty Eight Hundred Thousand (Rs. 5,800,000/-) in year 2011 by the Western Provincial Ministry of Cooperatives?
- b) What is the reason for terminating this construction on the way?
- c) What is the additional amount required to complete the construction of this building?
- d) When would that additional amount be provided?
- e) Are you aware that such an amount of money has been spent to construct a Cooperative divisional building in a land belonging to the Western Provincial Social Services Department?
- f) Do you believe that successful results could be obtained by establishing a Cooperative division in an urban area like this?

02. Question asked by Hon. Member Lalith Warnakumara on 19.01.2016 from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/02)

- a) Are you aware that a school in the name of Pahala Narangala Sri Sarananda Primary School is in Bulathsinghala Division in the Horana Education Zone?
- b) What was the number of students in the said school in year 2012?
- c) What is the number of students in that school in year 2016?

- d) How many students sat for the Fifth Grade Scholarship Examination in year 2016?
- i. How many passed in that examination
 - ii. What is the maximum mark obtained?
 - iii. What is the minimum mark obtained?
- e) If so, according to the scholarship marks percentage, in which place does this school remain at the school category of the whole island?
- i. In which place is this school in the Western Provincial school category?
 - ii. In which place is this school in the Kalutara district category?
 - iii. In which place is this school in the Horana Zone category?
- f) If the said school has shown a higher academic situation as a percentage, why doesn't this school evaluated at any place or institution?
- g) What action would be taken by you with regard to the building requirements of this school which has become a popular school in the area?

03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Kithsiri Kahatapitiya from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/03)

- a) How many Zonal Education Offices are there in Western Province?
- b) Have Supervisory Members been appointed to those Education Zones for year 2016?
- c) If appointed so, would you table a name list of Hon. Members appointed to each Zone?
- d) On what basis are the Supervisory Members to Zonal Education Offices appointed?
- e) What is the role entrusted to Supervisory Members appointed thus?

VI. Motions for Leave of Absence

VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of the Ministers

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Public Affairs

01. 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 (W.P.).

“Financial Amendment Statute of Western Province No. of 2015”

(Second Reading)

[The First Reading of the draft statute has been carried out on 21.07.2015]

X. Private Members' Affairs

01. 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)

02. Hon. Member Rose Fernando:

“The right to proper school education by clever students born in low income earning families in villages is being disinherited by gradual closing down of village schools by introducing various names and programmes. It is observed that the students who cannot travel to far away schools through vehicles tend to drop out of school education as a result of closure of village schools. Owing to this situation, parents are faced with various difficulties. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council is in the opinion that the education rights of village students should be safeguarded by providing facilities again to village schools.”

(M/vi(01)/15/01)

XI. Adjournment of the Council

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