

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

23rd 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 S.A.D. Jagath Kumara 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)/16/04)

- a) Have you placed any member of Western Provincial Council in the Supervision Post?
- b) If placed so, under which subjects was that?
- c) Would you mention the names of those members?
- d) Are you aware that the administrative affairs and construction assignments, development affairs etc. of Kaduwela Municipal Council are currently carried out under the mediation of former Mayor and Hon. Member Manjula Buddhadasa?
- e) Have you assigned certain power in that regard?
- f) If no such power has been assigned, would you take some measure to stop the activities carried out in this way by their influence?

02. Question to be asked by Hon. Member S.A.D. Jagath Kumara 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)/16/05)

- a) Do you know that the Drivers of Kaduwela Municipal Council served attached to the staff of former Mayor Mr. Buddhadasa and his son Hon. Member Manjula Buddhadasa?
- b) Have you or Heads of Local Government Authorities given permission for that?
- c) If no permission has been given in that regard, in which way would action be taken to recover the loss caused to Kaduwela Municipal Council and public?
- d) What kind of action would be taken by you regarding the higher, responsible officers of Kaduwela Municipal Council who allow deployment of Public Service employees in illicit and unlawful manner for politicians' private affairs and who allow other external parties to mediate in affairs of the Municipal Council ?

03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Susil Kindelpitiya 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)/16/06)

- a) What is the total amount spent by Provincial Road Development Authority to repair the roads of Negombo Divisional Secretariat area of authority in years of 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015?
- b) What are the concretized roads in Negombo Divisional Secretariat area within the said time period?
- c) Which are the roads that were carpeted within that time period?
- d) Which are the roads that had interlocked paving applied within the said time period?
- e) Among these roads, are there roads belonging to Negombo Urban Council? What are those roads?
- f) Among those roads, are there roads belonging to Western Provincial Council? What are they?
- g) Would you mention the money spent for repairing of roads in Negombo Divisional Secretariat according to each year?

04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Susil Kindelpitiya 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)/16/07)

- a) Are you aware that during the time period of Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), Provincial Road Development Authority soil-filled the land of Ape Gama, located in Battaramulla?
- b) How many soil Cubes were used to fill the said land?
- c) What is the name of the institution that received the contract? Who is the contractor?
- d) How much was spent on that behalf?
- e) What is the institution that paid money on this behalf?

05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Sarath Pathirana from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/08)

- a) How many students study at Pitumpe Primary School belonging to the Homagama Education Zone?
- b) Do you know that two classes of this school are held in a small classroom with an extent of 20 × 20?
- c) Do you know that construction of a three storey building for this school was commenced in year 2012?
- d) What is the reason for termination of construction work on the way?
- e) Have you decided to complete the remaining work of this partially completed building in order to minimize the congestion in classrooms?
- f) Can provisions be allocated in year 2016 to complete even a part of this building?

06. Question to be asked by Hon. Member M.S.M. Fairouz from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/09)

- a) How many pre-schools registered with Western Provincial Council are there? What are they?
- b) What are the criteria considered when registering a pre-school?
- c) Are post-inquiry affairs being carried out to discern whether the registered pre-schools are conducted as per relevant criteria?
- d) If the answer for question No. (c) is “Yes”, what are the details of post-inquiry activities carried out during the past years?

- e) If the answer for question No. (c) is “No”, why is that?
- f) Are there other institutions other than the Provincial Council to register a pre-school? If so, what are they?
- g) Are there unregistered pre-schools in Western Province? If so, what action would be taken regarding them?

07. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/10)

- a) Separately, how many are the disciplinary inquiries carried out on Teachers’ and Principals’ services at Zonal and Provincial level as at 31.12.2015?
- b) Would you present to this Council as to the name lists of officers who have been transferred stating as ‘based on Preliminary Inquiries’ and time periods relevant to such transfers?
- c) Among the officers subjected to disciplinary inquiries, who are the officers that have not been issued with a charge sheet even when 03 months have elapsed?
- d) Would you separately present facts to this Hon. Council regarding the matter?

08. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/11)

- a) How many are the number of applicants according to each service who have forwarded transfer application for year 2016 within Western Province in relation to intra-zonal, inter-zonal, inter-provincial and National School Service from Teachers’ and Principals’ services?
- b) Has action been taken to call Annual Transfer Boards legally in relation to the said transfers? If so, when was it?
- c) What is the methodology to be followed to get confirmed whether the representation of such Transfer Boards are legal?
- d) If action has been taken accordingly, would you present to this Council as to the Trade Unions who are qualified to Transfer Board representation of year 2016?

09. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/12)

- a) Have relevant authorities taken action to implement at present the recommendations regarding Teachers’ and Principals’ transfers carried out in relation to year 2016 by Annual Transfer Boards established within the Western Province at Zonal and Provincial level?
- b) If so, would you present to this Council as to the number of transfers carried out by Zonal and Provincial level?

- c) Has action been taken to make transfers of Teachers who have served more than 10 years in the same school?
- d) If so, what is the legal procedure by which the relevant Zonal authorities have been assigned with authority?
- e) Accordingly, would you present to this Council as to the number of transfers carried out at Zonal level in relation to year 2016?

10. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/13)

- a) Do you know that there are essential teacher vacancies existing in Piliyandala Education Zone?
- b) Do you accept that among those vacancies, there are 54 vacancies in Primary Section (Grade 1-5)?
- c) Do you accept that there is a problematic situation as 61 teacher vacancies in Grade 6-11, 12 teacher vacancies in G.C.E.(A/L)?
- d) Do you accept that schools have to be maintained with 43 other vacancies including Physical Education Teachers?
- e) Do you accept that maintaining education affairs of children of the said Education Zone with such a number of vacancies is problematic?
- f) What action would be taken to provide solutions?
- g) If not, why is that?

11. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi 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)/16/14)

- a) How much is the amount of money payable by a Local Government Authority per each Ton of waste disposed to the Karadiyana Waste Disposal facility?
- b) How much is payable by a private institution per each Ton of waste disposed?
- c) What is the amount of waste disposed to the said Waste Disposal Yard in each month within year 2015, according to each Local Government Authority?
- d) Accordingly, how much is the total revenue earned by the Waste Management Authority in year 2015 through the waste disposed to Karadiyana Waste Disposal Yard?
- e) How much was the waste amount used for compost manufacturing and recycling?
- f) How much revenue was earned through it?

- g) How much is the amount spent in year 2015 to pay employees' salaries of Waste Disposal Yard including maintenance cost of the Authority?

12. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi 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)/16/15)

- a) Under the letter head of Moratuwa Municipal Council, by the date of 24.10.2015, do you accept that a letter has been forwarded to Mr. Nalin Mannapperuma, the Director of Western Province Waste Management Authority?
- b) Do you know that the said letter having the title as "Disposing Waste to Karadiyana Yard" has mentioned several vehicle numbers and stated to send bills from 24.10.2015 onwards, having stated "Moratuwa 02" in Invoices for waste transported by the said vehicles?
- c) What are the said vehicle numbers?
- d) What are the reasons for requesting to send bills as above?
- e) Would action be taken as per the said request?
- f) If not, why is that?

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

- a) (i) Has promotion processes of teachers of Kalutara Education Zone been carried out?
(ii) If not, why is that?
- b) (i) If the promotions had been made, have the due salaries been paid?
(ii) If not why is that?
- c) What are the schools of Kalutara Education Zone in which promotion processes have been totally completed?
- d) If such completion has not been made, what are the reasons?

VI. Motions for Leave of Absence

VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of the Ministers

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Motions of Condolences

01. Motion of condolences presented on behalf of the demise of former Hon. Chairman of the Western Province Provincial Council, Mr. Ariyaratna Jayathilaka

“Hon. Ariyaratne Jayathilaka who got selected to the Second Provincial Council of Western Province as a Hon. Provincial Council member from Gampaha administrative district representing the Democratic United National Front and held the Chairman’s Office of Western Province Provincial Council for around six years including the tenure of the Second Provincial Council and did a tremendous service to Western Province Provincial Council and public of Western Province; passed away recently.

The Western Province Provincial Council values the service rendered by him and expresses its deepest sympathies about his demise.”

[Presentation: Hon. Leader of the House]

02. Motion of condolences presented on behalf of the demise of former Hon. Member of Provincial Council, Mr. Indika Gunawardhana

“Former Hon. Member of Provincial Council, Mr. Indika Gunawardhana, who got selected as a member of Provincial Council to the Second Provincial Council of Western Province from the Colombo administrative district representing the People’s Alliance and did a tremendous service for more than one year to the Western Province Provincial Council and its public, passed away recently.

The Western Province Provincial Council values the service rendered by him and expresses its deepest sympathies about his demise.”

[Presentation: Hon. Leader of the House]

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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