

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

**will be held at the Western Province Provincial Council New Building Complex at
No. 204, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Sri Jayawardhanapura, Battaramulla**

on 21st June 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 asked by Hon. Member K.D. Aruna Deepal on 05.04.2016 from the Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services, Women's Affairs and Council Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/16/30)

- a) How many are the motions presented under Private Members' Affairs from year 2000 up to date?
- b) Among them, how many were subjected to discussion (debate)?
- c) How many were withdrawn or rejected?
- d) How many were adopted unanimously?
- e) How many were adopted by majority of votes?
- f) How many motions were defeated?
- g) From among those motions, how many motions are there categorized under each subject such as educations, health, cooperatives, laws and statutes, transport?
- h) Among such adopted motions, which have already been implemented? From which year onwards? Under which ministry?
- i) At the Annual Budget discussions, have these adopted motions been considered and paid attention to? In which year was that?

- j) Has any system for implementation of Members' motions adopted at the Council been devised? If so, what is it?
- k) Owing to whose disability were the adopted motions not implemented? Who is responsible for that?
- l) Do you think it suitable to appoint a committee from this Council to re-consider the motions adopted up to date and take future measures? If so, what action would be taken in that regard?

02. Question asked by Hon. Member K.D. Aruna Deepal on 17.05.2016 from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/42)

- a) Has a disciplinary action been taken against the teacher Mr. Niroshan Nawagamuwage serving in Horana Education Zone? If so, on what anti-disciplinary action is that?
- b) Who has made the first complaint that he engaged in an anti-disciplinary action? Was a preliminary investigation made to discern its truth or falsity? By whom? What are the observations?
- c) Which Disciplinary Code or other law, that conforms to the reply given by you to my question No. Q/vi(i)/16/24 has this teacher violated?
- d) Do you know that matters to prove his innocence has been inquired from this relevant teacher by the letter of Provincial Director of Education, No. WP/Admin/12/Ho/86 dated 05.02.2016?
- e) Do you accept that the content of the letter stated in above "d" does not comply with the reply given by you to question No. Q/vi(i)/16/24? If not why is that?
- f) Do you accept that officers of Horana Education Zone have taken action regarding this officer maliciously, on a false allegation and without a legal basis? If you don't accept, on what reasons is that?

03. Question asked by Hon. Member H.M. Upali Kodikara on 07.06.2016 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)/16/45)

- a) How much money has been allocated from the budget of year 2015 to the Western Provincial Ministry of Local Government?
- b) How much has been allocated from that money for local government roads?
- c) From that amount, how many roads of Maharagama Urban Council area in Colombo district have been carpeted by now?

- d) What are those roads?
- e) How much is the amount allocated for each road?
- f) Under which basis had those roads been assigned to contractors?
- g) According to the circular issued by the Finance Commission, has power been assigned to construct local government roads?
- h) If so, under which circular?

04. Question asked by Hon. Member H.M. Upali Kodikara on 07.06.2016 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)/16/46)

- a) How many are the local government authorities in Western Province?
- b) How many have been dissolved at present?
- c) What are they at the district levels of Colombo, Gampaha and Kalutara ?
- d) (i) How many Councilors who got selected from election were at the Maharagama Urban Council?
(ii) From which parties did those members get selected?
- e) (i) How much has been allocated to Maharagama Urban Council from the budget of year 2016?
(ii) From that budget, how much has been allocated for road development?
- f) How many roads have been completed in their constructions?
- g) How many are the roads that have been completed as per tender procedure in the categories of concrete roads, tar roads, interlock paved roads and carpet roads?
- h) (i) How much money has been allocated to former Councilors of Maharagama Urban Council for road development?
(ii) Who are those members?
(iii) Which roads are they?
- i) (i) How many roads have been assigned external to the tender procedure?
(ii) What are the societies that have been assigned thus?
(iii) Who are the contractors?
- j) (i) Do you have a power to allocate money for those roads?
(ii) Under which law is that?

- k) Why isn't money provided to 104 members of Western Provincial Council to construct roads in these local government areas?

05. Question asked by Hon. Member H.M. Upali Kodikara on 07.06.2016 from the Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/16/47)

- a) Are you aware of the China Tour organized by Colombo District Rural Bank Association of Western Province?
- b) Under which project was the said tour had been approved?
- c) How many participated in that tour?
- d) From which institutions and holding which positions?
- e) How many Provincial Council Members participate in that tour?
- f) Was an employee of Maharagama Urban Council participated in this tour? How was that?
- g) Did non-member persons of a Provincial Council or Cooperative participate in this tour?
- h) If so, who are those persons?
- i) On which basis was money had been allocated for that?
- j) Can money be allocated in that way according to law?

06. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Nandana Pathmakumara 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)/16/49)

- a) i. Are you aware that Moronthuduwa Weekly Fair functioning under Kalutara Pradeshiya Sabha has been demolished and removed?
- ii. If so, when was that?
- iii. For how long?
- b) i. Are you aware that a Founding Stone has been laid for a new construction?
- ii. When was that?
- iii. To be completed in how many days?
- c) i. With which institutions had the contractor reached into contracts in relation to this construction?

- ii. Which institutions allocate money for this?

- d) i. What is the name and address of this contracting firm?
ii. What is the name and address of the owner of this firm?

- e) i. What is the reason for not completing work yet?
ii. What action has the local government institution taken on that matter?

- f) i. Do you know where the Weekly Fair is being conducted at present?
ii. In which place is that?
iii. What action has the Pradeshiya Sabha taken to ease the inconveniences faced by traders and public owing to this situation?
iv. What are they?

- g) i. Is the Pradeshiya Sabha collecting tax money from the place where the Weekly Fair is located at present?
ii. How much is that?

07. 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)/16/50)

- a) i. How many Education Zones are there in Kalutara district?
ii. What are they?
iii. How many are the number of students separately at Zonal level who sat for G.C.E.(O/L) examination in year 2015?
iv. How many are the passed and failed number of students from the said examination?
v. How many are they according to Zones?

- b) i. How many are the number of students who failed only in Mathematics?
ii. How many are they according to Zones?

- c) i. Are there any schools where all the students who sat for this examination at school level got failed in Mathematics only?
ii. Which are they?

- d) i. Has an investigation been conducted by your ministry to discern the matters affecting this situation?
ii. What is the result of the investigation?

- e) i. Do you accept that injustice has been caused to children of these schools?
- ii. What action will be taken with regard to this?

08. Question to be asked by Hon. Member U.L. Senaka Damayantha De Silva from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/51)

- a) How many vacancies were allocated to enroll children of persons engaged in (active) service in Police and Armed Forces, when enrolling children to schools for year 2016 in Colombo district?
- b) Would you mention those vacancies separately by Education Zones and school level?
- c) Do you accept that subsequent to enrolling children of persons serving in active service to the said vacancies; children were enrolled on recommendations of Provincial Council Office Bearers and Members for the remaining vacancies?
- d) If so, would you state the names of those schools and number of vacancies filled thus including on which Provincial Council Members' and Office Bearers' recommendations?
- e) Would you provide a written report including facts as to how children were enrolled to Grade One in year 2016 according to each Member's and Office Bearer's recommendation, including names of the schools?
- f) Do you accept that certain Members did not get an opportunity to enroll even a single child?
- g) Would you provide reasons as to why certain Members and Office bearers got the opportunity to enroll more children while some did not receive one opportunity even?
- h) Do you accept that allocation of these vacancies among Members was carried out on Chief Minister's recommendations?
- i) Would you provide reasons as to assigning of your responsibility to the Chief Minister?

09. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Sunil Watagala 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)/16/52)

- a) Do you know that there is a canal way in Kotikawaththa- Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha area that begins from Pansalwaththa in Angoda and runs up to Talathel Bokkuwa?

- b) What is the name of that canal-way? Could you table the survey plan that includes the said canal?
- c) Do you accept that there are a large number of illegal constructions on the banks of this canal?
- d) Do you accept that the above canal overflows even at a slight rain?
- e) Do you accept that no reconstruction so far has taken place even if this matter was drawn to the Chairman's attention of Kotikawaththa-Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha and relevant authorities?
- f) Would you take measures for immediate reconstruction of the said canal? If not, why is that?

VI. Motions for Leave of Absence

VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of the Ministers

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Private Members' Affairs

01. Hon. Member Lalith Ellawala

“His Excellency the President Maithripala Sirisena’s new government making plans by appointing committees to punish through law the offenders who are responsible for corruption, forgeries, homicides, misusing of state property; alleged to have been committee during the previous government, is an appreciable matter.

There is no other time in recent Sri Lankan history than the period of 1989 -1990 during which time killing of people took place amidst destruction of state property at large. Therefore, this Western Provincial Council requests from His Excellency the President to take action to appoint a committee to investigate into such destructions and punish through law the persons who destroyed state property and carried out human killings as well as to recover from responsible persons the value of state property destroyed.”

(M/vi(01)/15/02)

02. Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe:

“Enrollment of children to schools has escalated into a very critical status.

Although a formal procedure is in action to enroll children to Grade One and Grade Six in comparison to the process of enrolling children to other Grades, such a formal procedure is not in practice to enroll children to other Grades. It is learnt that accepting various bribes, corruption, various irregularities have cropped up as a result.

Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council is in the opinion that a request should be made from all the relevant parties to establish a more formal procedure for enrollment of children to other Grades as is the procedure followed at present with regard to enrollments to Grade One and Grade Six, and, to take measures to implement it in Western Provincial Council schools.”

(M/vi(01)/15/04)

X. Adjournment of the Council

K.H.D.K. Samarakoon
Secretary,
Western Province Provincial Council

08.06.2016
Council Secretariat,
Western Province Provincial Council,
5th Floor, Wing ‘B’,
Sethsiripaya,
Battaramulla.