

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

06<sup>th</sup> September 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 18.07.2016 from Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/16/57)**

- a) How many are the;
  - (i) Cooperative Divisions? What are they?
  - (ii) Cooperative Rural Banks? What are they?
  - (iii) Supermarkets? What are they?;existing in active state in each Electoral Division of the Western Province as at 01.01.2009?
  
- b) How many are the;
  - (i) Number of Cooperative Divisions? What are they?
  - (ii) Number of Cooperative Rural Banks? What are they?
  - (iii) Number of Supermarkets? What are they?that have been newly opened annually from year 2009 up-to-date in the order of their opening?
  
- c) How many are the;
  - (i) Number of Cooperative Divisions? What are they?
  - (ii) Number of Cooperative Rural Banks? What are they?
  - (iii) Number of Supermarkets? What are they?that have been closed down annually from year 2009 up-to-date in the order of their closing down?

- d) How many are the;
- (i) Number of Cooperative Divisions? What are they? How much is the annual loss?
  - (ii) Number of Cooperative Rural Banks? What are they? How much is the annual loss?
  - (iii) Number of Supermarkets? What are they? How much is the annual loss?
- that are being maintained at a loss from year 2009 onwards till present?

**02. Question asked by Hon. Member K.D. Aruna Deepal on 23.08.2016 from Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/16/72)**

- a) (i) Has any measure been taken to find out matters causing the closure of Cooperative Divisions/ Rural Banks/ Supermarkets that were running at a loss or closed down during the period of year 2009 up to June of 2016?
- (ii) What are those measures?
  - (iii) What are the reasons revealed?
  - (iv) What action has been taken on the reasons revealed thus?
- b) How many are the institutions that are initiated with inquiries for investigation according to Cooperative Statute and Rules from among the institutions stated in above question No. a (i)? What are they?
- c) (i) According to this year's observations are there any Divisions/ Banks/ Supermarkets proposed to be closed down? What are they?
- (ii) If those identified institutions cannot be brought back to normal situation, what are the reasons for such situation?
  - (iv) What action has been taken and expected to be taken with regard to persons responsible for that?
  - (iv) Who are those identified persons in terms of names and designations?
- d) (i) Has action been taken according to country's common law against above mentioned responsible persons/ employees?
- (ii) If no action has been taken thus, what are the reasons for that?

**03. Question asked by Hon. Member Rose Fernando on 23.08.2016 from 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)/16/74)**

- a) Do you accept that proper waste disposal process in Western Province still does not take place successfully through Pradeshiya Sabha and Urban Councils?
- b) Would disposal of waste after categorization be a solution that can be given to this problem?
- c) Would you introduce a system to convert categorized waste into a resource or revenue source after recycling such waste?
- d) Would you present to this Council about the progress of workshops on waste disposal conducted by your ministry so far?
- e) What is the programme designed by you to prevent disposal of waste into road-sides, canal-way and drains?
- f) Do you know that waste is disposed to open air in the Ambalammulla state land at the border of Katunayake-Seeduwa Urban Council Area in the Katana Divisional Secretariat?
- g) Would you take action to properly manage the said waste disposal?
- h) If not, why is that?

**04. Question asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 23.08.2016 from 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)/16/76)**

- a)
  - (i) Is action being taken to demolish and remove the building of Mt. Lavinia Supermarket Complex that functions under Dehiwala-Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council authority?
  - (ii) Who will be doing this?
  - (iii) What will be the project implemented after removal of the existing building?
- b)
  - (i) What are the alternative measures available for the persons maintaining boutiques at present?
  - (ii) Do you know that there is a request from businessmen to provide an alternative solution before demolishing the building?
  - (iii) Do you know that the Dehiwala-Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council is functioning without considering the said request?
  - (iv) What action would be taken by you as the Chief Minister in charge of the subject?

**05. Question asked by Hon. Member Lalith Ellawala on 23.08.2016 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)/16/77)

- a) Do you know that a programme in the name of “Maithri Wesak Zone” was conducted in year 2016 by Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha to commemorate Lord Buddha’s Birth, Enlightenment and Death?
- b) If so, how much has been spent in the said year from the Council Fund for this programme?
- c) How much money has been collected from donors as donations?
- d) If so, would you separately table the donating institutions and the amounts donated?
- e) Have Council Funds been spent for this programme in previous years in this manner?
- f) In which year? How much was that?

**06. Question asked by Hon. Member Lalith Ellawala on 23.08.2016 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)/16/78)

- a) Do you know that a teak tree planted in the premises of Maithri Pre-school, functioning under Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha, has been removed?
- b) If so, what is the reason for cutting down the said teak tree?
- c) Within which legal framework of Pradeshiya Sabha was the said tree felled?
- d) For which function was the timber obtained from the said tree utilized?

**07. Question asked by Hon. Member Lalith Ellawala on 23.08.2016 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)/16/79)

- a) Do you know that contracts have been signed in year 2014 to reconstruct Aluthgama-Medagama Temple Road belonging to Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha authority?
- b) If so, has reconstruction activities of the said road been carried out as per the said contracts?
- c) How much of advance money has been paid for the said contracted person or society?
- d) In which year was that money paid? On which date?
- e) Are you satisfied about the fact that the said road has been developed properly? If not, why is that?

**08. Question asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe on 23.08.2016 from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/80)**

- a)
  - i. From which date onwards was the Principal of WP/Ng/St. Peter's Vidyalaya, Basiyawatte appointed?
  - ii. In which grade is she in the Principal's Service?
  - iii. To which type does this school belong?
  - iv. Can this Principal hold the post in this school?
  
- b)
  - i. When this Principal assumed work in this school, how many students were in the school?
  - ii. How many students are in the school now?
  
- c)
  - i. What action were taken with regard to illicit transactions that have taken place when calling tenders for the canteen, collecting money to be paid to Watchmen and collecting money to paint walls?
  - ii. What action has been taken with regard to the complaint filed at Bribery and Corruption Commission that has been referred to Negombo Zonal Education Office?
  - iii. Have you been informed about it?
  
- d)
  - i. Do you know that this Principal levels false accusations against students and oppress them mentally?
  - ii. Has an investigation been conducted regarding this matter and financial irregularities?
  - iii. What are its results?
  - iv. If not, would you take action to conduct an investigation?
  - v. When will it be commenced?

**09. Question asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe on 23.08.2016 from 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)/16/81)**

- a)
  - (i) Do you know that a large number of paddy lands close to Bandaranayake Mawatha at the access point to Highway in Eldeniya, Kadawatha in Mahara Pradeshiya Sabha area have been soil-filled?
  - (ii) Have those lands been acquired under the Mahara Pradeshiya Sabha?
  - (iii) If so, how is that? From whom?
  - (iv) How much is the compensation paid on behalf of that?

- b) (i) Do you know that there was a 12 Feet width road in these paddy fields, close to the main levee?
- (ii) Do you know that the relevant authorities are taking action to reduce its width to 8 Feet?
- (iii) Would you take action to allocate a 15 Feet road instead of the said road?
- c) (i) Do you know that the lands have been acquired personally under the name of G.A. Jayathilaka Kumara Premalal having misled the farmers owning the said lands?
- (ii) Would you conduct an investigation regarding this matter?

**10. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Sunil Watagala from 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)/16/82)

- a) How many officers of Sri Lanka Accountants' Service are serving in the Western Provincial Council at present?
- b) In which places are they employed in service currently?
- c) How many officers of Sri Lanka Accountants' Service have been approved for the Western Provincial Council?
- d) Accordingly, how many vacancies in Accountants' Service do exist in the Western Provincial Council?
- e) Could you mention for how long those vacancies exist? 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)

[ Related to proceedings of Council  
meeting held on 09.08.2016 and  
23.08.2016 ]

### **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**

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