

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

20th 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 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)/16/71)

- a) (i) Have Chief Secretary and Secretaries to ministries of Western Province participated in foreign tours subsequent to April of 2014 on Council expenses?
- (ii) How many foreign tours did each person participate in?
- (iii) To which countries?
- (iv) Duration of the tours?
- (v) Could you mention separately the benefits obtained by the Council through those tours?
- (vi) How much was borne for each tour?
- (vii) Under which Expenditure Head?
- (viii) Who are the other persons participated in tours apart from above mentioned heads? What is the selection basis for that and cost borne?

- b) (i) Has the Chief Minister and current Board of Ministers participated in foreign tours at Provincial Council cost?
- (ii) How many foreign tours did each person participate in?
- (iii) To which countries?
- (iv) Duration of the tours?

- (v) Could you mention separately the benefits obtained by the Council through those tours?
- (vi) How much was borne for each tour?
- (vii) Under which Expenditure Head?
- (viii) Who are the other persons participated in tours apart from above mentioned heads? What is the selection basis for that and cost borne?

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?
 - (i) 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 to be asked by Hon. Member Lalith Ellawala 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)/16/83)

- a) Do you know that a soil excavation has been made by Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha in a manner damaging the road and parapet walls of Mahabellana Thotupola Road in Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha area of authority?
- b) If so, for which activity did the Pradeshiya Sabha utilized the said soil?
- c) What action has been taken by the Pradeshiya Sabha with regard to damage caused to the relevant road and parapet walls during the said process?
- d) If not, why is that?
- e) Has the soil obtained from that road been sold?

04. 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)/16/84)

- a) Has the Auditor General made an audit inquiry under No. WP/CB/G/ED/2015/3/15/13 dated 03rd November 2015 in relation to your ministry?
- b) If so, based on which matters was that?
- c) What are the recommendations of the said audit inquiry?
- d) Has recommendations given by it to transfer teachers who have completed a service of more than 10 years in one school?
- e) When implementing the said recommendation, is it true that the said recommendation has been implemented in a manner limited to certain teachers?
- f) If not, were the said audit inquiry recommendations implemented in a manner relevant to all the teachers?

05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Sunil Watagala from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/85)

- a) Is there a school in the name of Henegama Maha Vidyalaya in Gampaha district?
- b) (i) What is the name of the current Principal of the said school?
(ii) Does he have sufficient qualifications to get appointed to the said post?
- c) How many classes are there in Grade 10 in the said school?
- d) How many are the students in each class of Grade 10 at present?

06. 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)/16/86)

- a) Are teacher transfers in Western Province take place as per “Teacher Transfer Policy”?
- b) Would you confirm that the said transfers are carried out properly and transparently?
- c) To whom the powers relating to teacher transfers have been vested with in the Western Province and in Education Zones?
- d) According to that, how do Deputy Education Directors exercise teacher transfer powers?
- e) Do you know that the Deputy Education Director of Piliyandala Education Zone is engaged in making transfers exceeding her powers?
- f) What action would be taken by you with regard to actions like these?

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 Ifthikaar Jemil Marrikkar:

“There are occasions in which one person’s land entitlement declines to 4 or 5 Perches when ancestral lands of people living in Western Province are divided among family members on inheritance.

At present, when local government authorities approve land plots and housing plans, consider land extent around Pradeshiya Sabha to be 10 Perches and around Municipal Councils and Urban Councils to be 06 Perches.

Owing to this reason, by considering the difficulty faced by ancestral land owners when getting plans approved for land extents of 4 or 5 Perches, this Western Province Provincial Council is in the opinion that plans should be approved considering the minimum land extent as 04 Perches when approving housing plans and land plot plans of those ancestral land owners”

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X. Adjournment of the Council

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