

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

04th October 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 Lalith Ellawala on 20.09.2016 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)/16/83)

- a) Do you know that a soil excavation has been made by Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha in a manner damaging to 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?

02. Question asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe on 20.09.2016 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?

03. Question asked by Hon. Member Sunil Watagala on 20.09.2016 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 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?

04. Question asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe on 20.09.2016 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 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?

05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Sunil Watagala from the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land, Fisheries, Animal Production and Health. (Q/VI(1)/16/87)

- a) Was an exhibition held by your ministry on 08.09.2016 and 09.09.2016 at Wilfred Senanayake Playground, Homagama? Who are the guests participated in that exhibition?
- b) How much was spent for publicizing the said exhibition?
- c) How much was the total amount of money spent for the said exhibition?
- d) How many stalls were established at the said exhibition on behalf of promoting agriculture?
- e) How many types of plants were exhibited in those sales stalls? How much was the revenue earned by selling those plant types?
- f) From which person and/or institution were those plants obtained for sale?

06. 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)/16/88)

- a) Is there a school called Clifton Balika Vidyalaya in the Colombo Education Zone?
- b) Do you accept that the students of the said school are studying at present in temporary sheds?
- c) Do you accept that the reason for this situation has been an illegal construction carried out without proper consideration at an adjoining land where a condominium is going to be constructed?
- d) Could you present to this Council a complete report relating to the said problem?

07. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Nandana Pathmakumara from the Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services, Women's Affairs and Council Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/16/89)

- a)
 - (i) How many are the ambulances provided by you ministry to hospitals of Western Province?
 - (ii) How many are they separately by district level?
 - (iii) Are there hospitals which have not yet been given ambulances even though the requirement is there?
 - (iv) What are those hospitals?
- b)
 - (i) Are there ambulances in Western Provincial hospitals which cannot be deployed into running?
 - (ii) How many are they?

- (iii) Are there ambulances that have been sent for repairs?
 - (iv) How many are they?
 - (v) How many are they separately at district level?
- c)
- (i) Are there ambulances which have not been sent for repairs but parked within hospital premises?
 - (ii) In which hospitals?
 - (iii) How many are they?

VI. Motions for Leave of Absence

VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of the Ministers

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Public Affairs

01. Statute presented by Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology:

**Information Technology Resources Development Authority Statute,
No. of 2016 of the Western Province**

[First Reading]

A statute to provide for the utilization of information and communication affairs for the performances of duties and functions relevant to the subjects assigned to the Western Province Provincial Council, systematically, efficiently and effectively, for the development and analysis of systems and methods, to streamline and expand computer technology and related matters, to provide the benefits of information technology development to the people, for matters incidental thereto and to repeal the Information Technology Resources Development Statute No. 06 of 2000 of Western Province.

X. Private Members' Affairs

01. Hon. Member Sunil Watagala:

“It has been accepted even in universal declarations that living in a proper house to be a human right. When looking at Sri Lanka according to the international law, it is obvious that houses which do not consist even of minimum facilities have been provided to the public, let alone proper houses . Sometimes, such allocation of houses had been made after acquiring the permanent lands they lived on, by the government. When such removal was made, no compensation whatsoever had been paid to people removed from those places. What they have received was flats on rent basis. It shall be stated that such houses do not contain even the minimum facilities to live on.

Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council requests from the government to take action to write off the rent charged from them if compensation had not been paid for lands obtained from such persons and if they have received houses from flats; and take action in future to provide public with at least a house of 750 Square Feet.” (M/vi(01)/15/07)

02. Hon. Member Sunil Watagala:

“During the era of previous government, when acquiring land via Urban Development Authority for urban development, land acquiring took place most of the time forcefully without compensation for persons residing in relevant lands.

Under the present government too, the wrong precedent is being taken forward and people complain about land acquiring in many estate lands within Colombo Municipal Council as well as in whole of Western Province without granting compensation. The above situation is a outright violation of acts and laws pertaining to land acquiring, also, a very bad precedent. Therefore this Western Province Provincial Council proposes to the government that land acquisition for urban development should not be carried out without granting compensation.” (M/vi(01)/16/01)

XI. Adjournment of the Council

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