

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

23rd January 2018, at 09.30 a.m.

AGENDA

I. Announcements by the Chairman

II. Presentation of Papers

III. Presentation of Committee Reports

IV. Petitions

V. Questions

01. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi from the Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services, Women's Affairs and Council Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/18/01)

- a) Do you know that persons not belonging to hospital staff are using several buildings of Avissawella Hospital?
- b) Do you accept that majority of the persons engaged in hospital service in various grades attend to service by residing in private places owing to lack of official quarters?
- c) Do you accept that officers who should have privileges and persons engaged in various services are subject to injustice by allowing buildings of the hospital for external persons' residing?
- d) What action will be taken by you in this regard?

VI. Motions for leave of absence

**VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of
the Ministers**

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Council Meetings

To be presented by Hon. Minister of Council Affairs:

Motion:

“Subsequent to the dispersal of this day [23.01.2018], this Council shall assemble again on 20.02.2018 at 9.30 a.m. and action shall be taken considering 06.02.2018 (Tuesday) as a date on which the Council meeting will not be held.”

To be presented by Hon. Minister of Council Affairs:

Motion:

“Today, Public Affairs shall take precedence.”

X. Private Members' Affairs

01. Hon. Member Nishantha Sri Warnasinghe :

“As a result of speedy growth in consumerism triggered by the introduction to open economic trade in Sri Lanka, the waste disposal amounts increased speedily. In such waste disposed, non-biodegradable lunch sheets, shopping bags, polystyrene and polythene collected largely and owing to that, this became a reason to delay the decay of biodegradable waste and it affected the environment, society, human existence as well as other animal species multifariously wherein accumulation of non-decaying waste led to mountainous garbage dumps resulting in a huge tragedy and loss of lives.

The decision taken by the Government led by His Excellency the President prohibiting production, selling and use of lunch sheets, shopping bags, polystyrene and polythene as they make major delay and obstructions as well as cause destruction to the processes of waste disposal, decay, recycling and compost production; is hereby appreciated and praised as an effective policy decision taken for country's future generation and environment. While proposing to this Western Province Provincial Council that it shall extend its support to implement this polythene prohibition and to implement the law relevant to it on behalf of the country and requesting from the government that these policies shall not be reversed due to whatever an influence, whereas, immediate action be taken to promote environment friendly alternatives and substitutes and to popularize them among the public”.

(M/vi(1)/17/09)

02. Hon. Member Rose Fernando :

“Political parties of both Right Wing and Left Wing of this country strongly discussed that the Constitution of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka shall be changed and serious demonstrations occurred in the country requesting to annul the Office of Executive Presidency. Under this situation, during the previous election campaigns promises were made to form a Constitution suitable to the country and to assign to Parliament the unlimited powers enjoyed by the Executive Presidency’s Office. Even though none of the previous Presidents who promised to annul the Executive Presidency accomplished those promises, current President taking action to annul the 18th Amendment to the Constitution that allowed reigning in power extensively, was some positive feature. At this juncture, when a meaningful dialogue is going on to establish a new Constitution by collaborating all the parties as current President and Prime Minister promised to the public, this Western Province Provincial Council proposes to the government; by discarding narrow political attitudes, all the people should be brought together to form a Constitution suitable to the country.”

(M/vi(1)/17/10)

XI. Public Affairs

01. 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 (W.P.):

Pawnbrokers’ (Amendment) Statute of Western Province No. ... of 2017

(Second Reading)

[First Reading had been
made on 22.08.2017]

**Annexure 01 – Report on the Committee on Statutes
and Laws (07.12.2017)**

Annexure 02 – Draft Statute

XII. Adjournment of the Council

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