

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

20th March 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 Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/18/06)

- a) Do you know that there are motions adopted by the Council to modernize the main theatre of Western Provincial Aesthetic Resort (NADA) and convert its small theater into a complete one?
- b) Do you know that written requests in that regard have been made to the Chief Minister as special Budget Proposals of 2018?
- c) What steps have been taken in that regard as development tasks of year 2018?

VI. Motions for leave of absence

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

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Council Affairs –I

To be presented by the Hon. Minister of Council Affairs:

Motion:

“Today (20.03.2018), Council proceedings shall take place considering that no impediment whatsoever shall be caused by provisions of Rules of Procedure Rule Nos. 52(5), 57(1), 57(4) and 57(5) for the affairs under No. (01) in the subject of Public Affairs in the Agenda.”

X. Council Affairs - II

To be presented by the Hon. Minister of Council Affairs:

Motion:

“Today Public Affairs shall take precedence.”

XI. Private Members’ Affairs

01. Hon. Member Rose Fernando :

“Though we boast of Sri Lanka as a country exceeding 2500 years of history, if we, as contemporary political leaders do not take action to create a developed country for the future generation to dignifiedly appreciate a history, it would be a kind of defaulting of our responsibility. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council proposes to the government that a program should be formed and implemented where all the people’s representatives should take leadership to carry this country towards a speedy development by integrating ethnic, religious and social powers of this country and harmoniously taking up one path under a national policy to build up a strong economy having maximally deployed the national wealth, power and all our skills and abilities, also, by identifying beforehand the natural disasters as well as problems that may arise in future.”

(M/vi(1)/17/11)

02. Hon. Member Rose Fernando :

According to the accepted law of this country, jurisdiction of a functioning court should be published by a Gazette notification by the Minister of Justice in consultation with the Judicial Services Commission and the Chairman of Court of Appeal as per Clause (2) of Judicature Act. Such legal provision has been provided as the above mentioned persons and institutions constantly obtain a good understanding about how the existing courts function and the practical problems arising in them. However, recently, occasions have been noted where action has been taken without following the said due procedure when demarcating jurisdictions. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council requests from the Government to subject all such demarcations to a re-evaluation in a manner augmenting the public trust on the judiciary and take action to rectify within the legal framework, if any error has taken place.

(M/vi(1)/17/12)

XII. 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.):**

Motion:

Supplementary Estimate 01 of 2018

“In order to provide allocations for under-mentioned requirements in ministries of Western Province, i.e.,;

- To allocate provisions for completion of partially completed school buildings of the province, to carry out compulsory school building constructions and other constructions of education sector,*
- To allocate provisions for construction, repairing and modernization of compulsory buildings of provincial hospitals, purchasing medical equipment and bear compulsory expenses of health sector and,*
- For the requirement of allocations to complete work in buildings of other provincial council institutions, allocation of provisions for necessary building constructions and other constructions,*

as a Supplementary Estimate for year 2018 needs to be presented, the Supplementary Estimate 01 of 2018, prepared for a total sum of Three Billion Thirty Five Million Fifty Five Thousand Rupees (Rs. 3,035,055,000/-) and prepared with the expectation of setting off the said amount from part of the money invested under Treasury Repos should be adopted.”

(Project proposal copies of development affairs to which money is expected to be spent from the Supplementary Estimate 01 of 2018 have been sent to Hon. Members along with this)

- 02. 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.):**

Appropriation Statute relating to the Supplementary Estimate 01 of 2018

“The Appropriation Statute No 01 of 2018 which authorizes the payment of money needed for the Supplementary Estimate 01 of year 2018, to a value of Three Billion Thirty Five Million Fifty Five Thousand Rupees (Rs. 3,035,055,000/-) from the Western Provincial Council Fund and the acceptance of money for the said Western Provincial Fund provided by the Sri Lankan Government as grants or any other means, should be adopted”

- 03. 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.):**

**Amending the Limits of Provincial Council Advance Accounts according to
Section 07 of the Appropriation Statute No. 03 of 2016**

“As stated in the Schedule; ‘Amending the Limits of Advance Accounts – 2017’, since action has been taken as per provisions of Section 07 of the Appropriation Statute No. 03 of 2016 when limits of Advances are amended; and

as the Provincial Board of Ministers’ approval has been received subjected to Council approval to execute the said amendments,

this Western Province Provincial Council does hereby approves amendments to the limits of each Advance account as stated in that Schedule.”

- 04. Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services, Women’s Affairs and Council Affairs (W.P.):**

New Rules of Procedure

“The new Rules of Procedure book, which was tabled as an attachment along with the official report of 09th January 2018; being a compilation of all the amendments presented for the Rules of Procedure Book of 09th October 1997 and presented to the Council of 07th November 2017 and was subjected to discussion on 14th November 2017 and 09th January 2018 and approved by the Council of 09th January 2018, will be tabled today i.e. on 20th March 2018, and all the rules contained therein shall come into effect from 08th May 2018.”

XIII. Adjournment of the Council

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