

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

05th June 2018, at 09.30 a.m.

AGENDA

I. Announcements by the Chairman

II. Motion for Leave of Absence

III. Presentation of Papers

IV. Presentation of Committee Reports

V. Petitions

VI. Questions/ Interim Questions

01. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Nandana Pathmakumara from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology (Q/VI(1)/18/19)

- a) (i) How many are the total number of students who sat for G.C.E.(O/L) Examination in year 2017 in Mathugama Education Zone?
- (ii) From among that, how many are the number of students of National Schools and Provincial Schools?
- b) (i) How many are the passed and failed students from among the students who sat for this examination?
- (ii) How many are the passed and failed number of students at National School level?
- (iii) How many are the passed and failed number of students as percentages?
- (iv) How many are the passed and failed number of students at Provincial School level?
- (v) How many are the passed and failed number of students as percentages?
- c) (i) How many are the total number of students who have failed in Mathematics subject?

- (ii) How many of them are at National School level?
- (iii) How many of them are at Provincial School level?
- (iv) How many of them are at National School and Provincial School level as percentages?

02. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Nandana Pathmakumara from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology (Q/VI(1)/18/20)

- a) (i) How many are the total number of students who sat for G.C.E.(O/L) Examination in year 2017 in Horana Education Zone?
- (ii) From among that, how many are the number of students of National Schools and Provincial Schools?
- b) (i) How many are the passed and failed students from among the students who sat for this examination?
- (ii) How many are the passed and failed number of students at National School level?
- (iii) How many are the passed and failed number of students as percentages?
- (iv) How many are the passed and failed number of students at Provincial School level?
- (v) How many are the passed and failed number of students as percentages?
- c) (i) How many are the total number of students who have failed in Mathematics subject?
- (ii) How many of them are at National School level?
- (iii) How many of them are at Provincial School level?
- (iv) How many of them are at National School and Provincial School level as percentages?

03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Nandana Pathmakumara from the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land, Irrigation, Fisheries, Animal Production and Health and Agrarian Development (Q/VI(1)/18/21)

- a) (i) What is the total land extent of paddy fields in Western Province in years of 2015 and 2016?
- (ii) What is its extent at district level?

- b) (i) What is the extent of fallow paddy fields remaining in the years of 2015 and 2016 in Western Province ?
- (ii) What is its extent at district level?
- c) (i) What is the extent of cultivated paddy fields of Western Province in the years of 2015 and 2016?
- (ii) What is its extent at district level?

04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure facilities, Industries and Rural Development (Q/VI(1)/18/22)

- a) Would you inform to this Council as to how much money was allocated to construct anew the first bridge of the road heading from Horape to Heenkenda in Wattala Divisional Secretariat?
- b) Would you inform to this Council as to the length of the side wall of the said bridge according to the plan and the length of the constructed side wall?
- c) Are you aware that the said bridge has cracks by now even before elapsing a year after its construction?
- d) Do you know that a problematic situation has come up when travelling across the said bridge as pot holes have been created beside it ?
- e) What action would be taken against the relevant persons regarding non-completion of that project successfully?
- f) If not, why is that?

VII. Personal Explanations

VIII. Statements on Breach of Privileges

IX. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of the Ministers/ Replies of Breach of Privileges

X. Private Members' Affairs

01. Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi:

“The responsible leaders should pay special attention to escalating diesel, petrol and kerosene prices, also liquid gas prices which further burden the working public of the country who are already burdened with the crisis of increasing cost of living. As a result of this situation, which is also interconnected to the depreciation of Rupee comparative to American Dollar, the poverty level is further increasing. For this situation which is linked to the collapse of production economy, decline in export revenue, being a country dependent on credit, tax and penalties, frauds, corruption, unemployment as well as social attitudes on employment opportunities, the existing and previous regimes should be responsible and it is hereby requested from the Government to immediately convert to a governance devoid of waste and to reduce fuel and gas prices immediately without burdening people.”

(M/R110/VI(1)/18/02)

Connected to the affairs of Council
meeting held on 22.05.2018

02. Hon. Member Ashoka Ranwala :

“The Kelani River, having started from the central hills and flowing towards the sea through Colombo and Gampaha districts after entering the Western Provincial Council area of authority faces severe pollution. This tragedy taking place within the mixing of high toxic chemical matter, dyes, pollutant chemicals to river water, create many critical environmental and health hazards. Kelani River is the main drinking water resource for the Colombo city and many of its suburbs. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council is in the opinion that a programme in collaboration with Central Environmental Authority, Western Provincial Ministry of Environment, Education Ministry, Department of Industries and Ministry of Tourism should be implemented with the objective of protecting this drinking water source facing pollution, as well as, to conserve the environment which ecologically renders a great service to bio-diversity and to gain promotion in the tourism industry through that.”

(M/VI(1)/18/01)

03. Hon. Member Rose Fernando :

“At present, from the elderly person to small child suffers from non-communicable diseases, and there is a tendency towards speedy increase of those illnesses. Partaking of food containing chemicals, lack of physical exercise due to reliance on technical equipment have been identified as reasons for the continual growth on this situation. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council is in the opinion that a school level programme should be implemented by the Provincial Ministry of Education and Provincial Ministry of Health in collaboration to save the younger generation from this menace, who actually are the ones to accept the future of this country.”

(M/VI/(1)/18/02)

XI. Adjournment of the Council

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