

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

**at the Council Chamber of the Provincial Council Building Complex of the Western
Province at No. 204, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Sri Jayawardhanapura,
Battaramulla**

On 17th March 2015, 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 asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 18.02.2015 from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services, Information and Trade Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/15/01)

- a) Were children enrolled for year 2015 to Grade 01 in Provincial Council schools of the Colombo district in Western Province?
- b) According to the said enrollments, what is the number of students in each such class including the names used to identify classes of a school and the number of vacancies remains to be filled?
- c) What is the number of students according to each school who have been approved as children of families in security forces engaged in active service?
- d) Accordingly, how many vacancies are there in to each class where enrollments can be made?
- e) What action would be taken to fill these vacancies?
- f) If not, why is that?

02. Question asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 18.02.2015 from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information and Trade Affairs.

(Q/VI(1)/15/02)

- a) Would you provide a report as to the number of students who are unable to write and read in classes of 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 according to each zonal office of Western Province?

- b) In accordance to the report, what is the total number of students who are unable to write and read?
- c) Within these Grade ranges what is the number of student who fell out from school attendance within the last five years?
- d) In which schools were they? Which grades?

03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Royce Vijitha Fernando from Hon. Minister of Transport, Sports and Youth Affairs, Women's Affairs, Food Supplies and Distribution, Cooperative Development, Domestic Economic Promotion Coordination and Animal Production and Development. (Q/VI(1)/15/06)

- a) (i) What is the procedure for assigning positions in the subject of Sports in Sports Ministry of Western Province?
 - (ii) When officers are appointed to that subject, have the recommendations of the Public Service Commission been included?
 - (iii) Does the position of 'Sports Director' appointed under this subject require the service of an officer in the Administrative Service?
- b) (i) What is the procedure followed in purchasing sports equipment within year 2013/ 2014?
 - (ii) Has the standard of sports equipment purchased thus been guaranteed?
 - (iii) Can a detailed report related to the expenditure borne on sports equipment purchased external to the prescribed specifications be presented?
- c) Are there reports on expenses made for year 2013/2014 and detailed report about the money spent on Provincial Sports Institute?
- d) Is this ministry complies with circular recommendations given under 6/2006 on Public Service Salary Reforms? Can detailed reports pertaining to placing in salaries and salary scales, assigned in accordance to the said recommendations, be presented?

04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi from the Hon. Minister of Electricity and Power, Provincial Roads, Housing and Constructions, Water Supplies and Drainage, Social Welfare and Urban and Estate Infrastructure Facilities. (Q/VI(1)/15/07)

- a) How many occasions did Hon. Minister Nimal Lansa as the Minister in charge of the subjects assigned to him engaged in foreign tours for the purposes of his position during the tenure of the 5th Provincial Council?
- b) What are the names of the countries and the dates of his foreign tours? Accordingly how many days did he stay abroad?

- c) To which programmes did he participate during those days?
- d) Who are the other persons participated in foreign tours along with the Minister?
- e) How much is the amount spent for each foreign tour?
- f) What is the total amount spent for the tours?
- g) What benefits did the Provincial Council receive as results of each tour?
- h) If not, why is that?

05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information and Trade Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/15/08)

- a) Does the Principal of Sri Pannananda Primary School of Negombo Education Zone possess qualifications required by that school?
- b) If so, from the Principals' Examination held in which year has he obtained the said qualifications?
- c) How many marks did he obtain at the said Examination?
- d) Have you received complaints that this principal and other two teachers act within the school in a manner that affect children's mentality negatively?
- e) If so, what action have you taken?
- f) If not, would you hold an investigation into this matter??
- g) Would you hold an investigation regarding collecting money by this principal contrary to circular provisions?

VI. Motions for Leave of Absence

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

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Private Members' Affairs

1. Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe:

“At present, within the Western Province, fees are being charged from school children and parents from time to time. Collecting money from children’s parents when children are enrolled to Grade One, Grade Six and Grade Twelve as well as for other requirements in classes have put them in greater difficulties. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council holds the opinion that levying fees (except Facilities Fees) from school children’s parents of the Western Province should be suspended.” (M/vi (01)/14/09)

2. Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi:

“Being a process that oppress children and parents both, there is a necessity to change the present procedure followed in enrolling students to Grade 1 in Western Provincial schools. To achieve that, this Western Province Provincial Council holds the view that filling all the vacancies prior to elapsing of one month from the date of children’s enrollment to schools, by making the Provincial Council receive the name list of children of persons employed in Security Forces prior to elapsing of 3 weeks from the date of children’s enrollment to schools, cancelling the enrollment of children according to the list presented by ruling party members, preparing a permanent register in chronological order according to the marks received by each child participating in the interview and taking measures to enroll children to schools according to the order of marks received by them should be implemented and thereby enrollments to Grade 1 in schools of Western Province should be regularized, while, ensuring at the same time for the people of the Province the human right that should be there to enroll a child to a school.” (M/vi (01)/14/10)

X. Adjournment of the Council

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