

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

03rd 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 asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 18.02.2015 from the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Agrarian Development, Minor Industries, Industries, Environmental Affairs and Cultural and Arts Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/15/03)

- a) How many occasions did Hon. Member Udaya Gammanpila as the Minister of Agriculture, Agrarian Development, Minor Irrigation, Industries, Environmental Affairs and Cultural and Arts Affairs 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?

04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member M. Rose Fernando 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)/15/04)

- a) How many schools have been closed down in the Negombo Education zone after year 2009?
- b) What are the names of those schools closed down thus and the number of students in those schools separately at the time of closure?
- c) Are there other schools in Negombo Education Zone that are due to be closed down in year 2015?
- d) If there are such schools within the Negombo Education Zone, what are their names?
- e) If there are schools that are due to be closed down, what are the names of those schools and the number of students in those schools separately?
- f) What is the reason for closing down of schools?
- g) If students of schools closed thus were transferred to other schools, what are the names of those new schools separately and the number of students enrolled?

05. Question to asked by Hon. Member M. Rose Fernando 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)/15/05)

- a) Are you aware that a building of WP/Ne/Andiambalama Maha Vidyalaya in Negombo Education zone was demolished and removed in order to construct the Mahindyodaya Laboratory in a location to be seen from the road?
- b) Are you aware that the students of the demolished building of Ne/Andiambalama Maha Vidyalaya who had classes in the demolished building have become helpless without a place to conduct their classes?
- c) Have you already taken steps to provide a separate new building to the school to hold the classes which have been conducted in the demolished building?
- d) When would a teacher to teach Catholic religion be appointed to the said Ne/Andiambalama Maha Vidyalaya?
- e) Within how much time do you expect to solve the aforementioned problems?

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 Niroshan Padukka:

The Law College at present has become a place that takes arbitrary decisions without following the rule of law. The persons holding highest responsibilities in this field have turned out into persons who violate basic human rights of law students. There is no institution for the students to complain with regard to this situation neither can they go to courts.

Hence, it is the duty of the Government to preserve the dignity of Law College which, within such a situation, completes 100 years of functioning and hand it over to the future generation. Therefore, this hounourable Council of the Western Province proposes to the Government that the currently existing undignified situation of the collapsing Law College should be solved immediately to mete out justice to the students of the Law College who are facing serious injustices. (M/vi (01)/14/08)

2. 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)

X. Adjournment of the Council

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