

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

06th October 2015, at 09.30 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. **Announcements by the Chairman**
- II. **Presentation of Papers and Documents**
- III. **Presentation of Committee Reports**
- IV. **Petitions**
- V. **Questions**

01. Question to be asked by Hon. Opposition Leader-Manju Sri Arangala from the Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services, Women's Affairs and Council Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/15/27)

- a) Do you accept that vehicles of Western Provincial Health Director's Office have been allotted to external persons out of Director's control?
- b) How many vehicles were allotted to outside thus?
- c) Would you mention the type of those vehicles and registered numbers?
- d) Had those vehicles been released together with drivers?
- e) Who bore the other expenses including driver wages, fuel, repair and service affairs?
 - (i) Was it the Department of Health?
 - (ii) If not by whom?
- f) How many vehicles among these have been returned? Would you mention the registered number of the vehicles returned thus and their returned dates?
- g) How many vehicles were unreturned? Would you mention their types and registered numbers?
- h) Who uses those unreturned vehicles?
 - (i) What action would be taken by you regarding such unreturned vehicles?

02. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Ajantha Niroshan Padukka from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports, Youth Affairs and Information Technology.
(Q/VI(1)/15/28)

- a) Did you receive the report of the investigation conducted in relation to the Principal of Ananda Balika Vidyalaya, Kotte?
- b) What are the charges mentioned therein?
- c) What action has been taken regarding that report?
- d) Are you aware that the Principal has participated in a foreign tour in Malaysia along with school children without getting Foreign Leave approved; besides, attendance of students who participated in the said tour had been marked in Attendance Registers as present?
- e) What action would be taken regarding it?
- f) Has the said tour been mentioned in the investigation report?
- g) Would the investigation report be tabled?

03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports, Youth Affairs and Information Technology.
(Q/VI(1)/15/29)

- a) Has a Teacher Performance Sheet been issued by the Provincial Education Office for teachers of Western Province?
- b) Have instructions been given to utilize the said Performance Sheet to grant teacher's salary increments?
- c) Have instructions been given not to allow salary increments to teachers who have not submitted the Teachers' Performance Sheet?
- d) Is the said Performance Sheet put into operation with the approval of representatives of Teachers' Associations?
- e) If so, would you present to the Council as to which Teachers' Trade Unions are those?
- f) Was the said performance Sheet distributed to every zone? If not, was it distributed for several selected Zones?

04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports, Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/15/30)

- a) Are you aware that WP/Kel/ Heenkenda Primary School was to be closed down due to lack of students?
- b) However, by intervention of villagers, do you know that this school was developed having combined it with the Heenkenda Maha Vidyalaya?
- c) Are you aware that, at present, the number of students in this school have gone up to 665 (Grades 1-5) students?
- d) Owing to the demand existing to this school at present, and owing to the increase in students' enrollment to this school, do you know that the approval of the Zonal Education Office has been received to increase the parallel classes from 03 to 04?
- e) Even so, are you aware that teachers, building facilities have not yet been provided in parallel to increasing the number of classes?
- f) Would teachers and classroom facilities will be provide to this school?
- g) If so, when would it be?

05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Ajantha Niroshan Padukka from the 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. (Q/VI(1)/15/31)

- a) Has a 37000 Square Feet building plan of the Beiging Factory located in Gorakapitiya area been approved on 04.03.2015 by the Kesbewa Urban Council, few weeks prior to termination of its official tenure?
- b) Are you aware that the Certificate of Conformity too has been issued within 14 days subsequent to approval of the said building plan?
- c) How much is the loss caused to the Pradeshiya Sabha as a result of providing approval fraudulently for this building which has been presented without approval several years earlier?
- d) What action would be taken against the officers who took action to provide approval in such fraudulent manner?
- e) What action has been taken by the Provincial Commissioner of Local Government in this regard?

06. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports, Youth Affairs and Information Technology.
(Q/VI(1)/15/32)

- a) Do you agree with the programme of the country's National Government to allocate 6% for education from the Gross National Product?
- b) In compliance to that, is there a preparation for development of Western Provincial Schools?
- c) Separately, how much money to be paid by parents when enrolling students to Grade 01, Grade 06 and Advanced Level classes in year 2016?
- d) Are there any physical resources to be provided to schools by parents?
- e) In addition to that, if Principals happen to influence parents to provide grants by way of money or equipment, what action would be taken?
- f) If not, why is that?

07. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Susil Kindelpitiya from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports, Youth Affairs and Information Technology.
(Q/VI(1)/15/33)

- a) How much money was allocated for each sport from 01st of January 2015 to 01st of September 2015?
- b) How much was allocated for each sport?
- c) How was the allocation made as per districts?
- d) Separately, what were the names of sports clubs benefitted and how much was the money allocated to each such sports club?
- e) What were the types of materials purchased? In what quantities? From which institutions was such purchases made? How much was spent?
- f) Are you aware that corruption and irregularities did occur in the way the money was distributed when expenses were allocated for Western Provincial Sports Section?
- g) If so, what action would be taken regarding it?

08. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports, Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/15/34)

- a) (i) Do Pre-schools of Western Province come under your ministry's purview?
(ii) If so, under which provisions is that?
- b) (i) Are Directors assigned with the Pre-school subject function under the Provincial Ministry of Education as holders of positions?
(ii) Under which provisions is that?
(iii) Are you aware that the Chief Minister recently stated at a public meeting that such Directors exist?
- c) (i) At present, in how many state school buildings within the Province are the Pre-schools conducted?
(ii) Under which provisions is that?
(iii) Who decided to conduct Pre-schools within those schools?

09. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Rose Fernando from the Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services, Women's Affairs and Council Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/15/35)

- a) Has a recommendation received to demolish and remove the six storeys Negombo Hospital building which is functioning under the Western Provincial Council?
- b) Has a recommendation given to construct a new building in place of the said building to be removed?
- c) Did the Health Minister of the Central Government agree to provide Rupees 500 Million to construct such new building?
- d) Have plans been made to construct the said new building?
- e) What are the steps that have been taken to solve the problems faced by patients until the said building is constructed?

10. Question to be asked by Hon. Leader of the House – D.H. Sunil Jayamini from the 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. (Q/VI(1)/15/36)

- a) Are you aware that the current Secretary of Kesbewa Urban Council, external to Public Administration Circulars, has deployed 04 employees over 60 years of age as at 20.09.2015?
- b) Do you know that recruitment of these employees has taken place on sole discretion of the Secretary?
- c) Will a disciplinary action be taken against the Secretary regarding this matter?
- d) If not, why is that?
- e) Would you take action to remove from service, the employees who have exceeded 60 years of age?
- f) If not, why is that?

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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