

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

24<sup>th</sup> November 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. The question to be asked by Hon. Member M. Rose Fernando from Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Service Women's Affairs and Council Affairs.**  
(Q/VI(1)/15/63)

- a) What are the job vacancies existing currently at the Negombo Hospital?
- b) What action has been taken by you so far to fill the employee vacancies in the hospital?
- c) If filling the vacancies of this hospital takes time what are the reasons for that?
- d) Within which period do you expect to complete the filling of these vacancies?
- e) Before the end of this year, can the filling of vacancies of this hospital with suitable persons be achieved?
- f) If not, why is that?

**02. The question to be asked by Hon. Member M. Rose Fernando from 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.**  
(Q/VI(1)/15/63)

- a) Do you know that a person named Nanayakkara, while conducting a weekly fair in a state land at Raddolugama Housing Scheme located in the Katana Divisional Secretariat, is earning income by that fair?
- b) Do you know that no money whatsoever is paid to the Katana Pradeshiya Sabha or any public institution on behalf of conducting the said weekly fair?

- c) Would you take action to charge the money payable for the government from the revenue earned by conducting weekly fairs having utilized state property during the tenure of the previous government?
- d) Similarly, would you take action to suspend this weekly fair maintained illegally and conduct this weekly fair under a proper tender procedure through relevant government institutions?
- e) If not, why is that?

**03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member M. Rose Fernando from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Engineering Service Law and Order, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Economic Promotion, Electricity and Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/15/64**

- a) Do you know that the revenue of the Trade complex in Welihena situated within the Pradeshiya Sabha area in Katana Divisional Secretariat, which was constructed at a cost of Million Rupees (Rs. 7,000,000/-) of state money, is obtained by the Jeyaraj Fernandopulle Foundation?
- b) Are you aware that the boutiques of the said shopping complex have not been let on a tender procedure?
- c) Would you take action to allocate the boutiques of the said shopping complex as per a tender procedure?
- d) Would you take action to charge from the Jeyaraj Fernandopulle Foundation the revenue due to the government which was obtained so far by the said Foundation?
- f) If not, why is that?

**04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Education, Culture and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information and Technology. (Q/VI(1)/15/65**

- a) (i) Among Western Provincial Council schools, how many are the schools that have grades from 1-11, 6-13, 6-11 and 1-5 in each year from year 2011 to 2015?
- (ii) How many are the number of students, teachers and classrooms separately of the above mentioned schools in relation to the aforementioned years?
- (iii) How many is the number of students engaging in Advanced Level education under each subject stream in all the schools of Western Province?
- (iv) In schools in which the Advanced Level science stream has been commenced and how many are the number of students following the said subject and number teachers deployed in teaching?

- b) (i) Subsequent to naming the name list of schools belonging to the Secondary School Development Project, would you present the number of schools and their names which have been developed up to now in relation to it?
- (ii) Has the progress of Secondary School Development Project put into operation in the Western Province been reviewed?
- (iii) Subsequent to implementing this project, has the number of students who fall out from school education annually from among the students studying in the Secondary Section seen a decline?
- (iv) Would you present those statistics to this Council?
- (v) Accordingly, has the demand for popular schools declined by year 2016?
- (vi) By which number is that?

**65. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Education, Culture and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information and Technology. (Q/VI(1)/15/66)**

- a) (i) Are you aware that the Principal Thero of Meerigama Bandaranayake Maha Vidyalaya (Affiliated) belonging to Minuwangoda Zone has been transferred with effect from middle of May?
- (ii) Do you know that when the said Thero was transferred, a Principal on his behalf had not been provided?
- (iii) Do you accept the fact that that transferring either a Principal or a Teacher without replacement is illegal?
- b) (i) Do you accept the fact that the administration and discipline of this school has declined in certain level owing to the absence of a permanent Principal?
- (ii) Would you take action to provide a qualified, permanent Principal to this school?
- (iii) If so, from which date onwards will that be?

**66. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Education, Culture and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information and Technology. (Q/VI(1)/15/67)**

- a) (i) Are you aware that a Teacher Transfer Board has been appointed as per National Teacher Transfer Policy to properly transfer teachers of the Colombo Education Zone?
- (ii) When proceedings are thus, do you know that the Director of Education in Colombo Education Zone transfer teachers throughout the year without approval and consent of the Teacher Transfer Board?

- b) (i) Do you know that the Director of Education in Colombo Zone has transferred a Primary Section Teacher of Mahabodi Vidyalaya, Colombo to St. John's School Colombo on 19.10.2015 or on a date closer to that as per his wish and such a transfer has also been made in Methodist Vidyalaya in Kotahena?
- (ii) Would you take action to terminate such irregular teacher transfer activities that are continually taking place within the Colombo Education Zone?
- (iii) If not, why is that?

**67. The question to be asked by Hon. Member K. D. Aruna Deepal from Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services, Women's Affairs and Council Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/15/68)**

- a) When preparing the budget proposals for year 2016, has action been taken to allocate financial allocations for the Hon. Members to pursue a diploma or a higher level of academic course for their subject training as proposed by the Hon. member Sahan Pradeep ?
- b) If so, to follow the relevant course in which institution?
- c) How much is the expenditure allocated for one person?
- d) How many members per year are intended to be provided with the opportunity?
- e) Has information pertaining to the duration of the course been obtained? If so, how much time?
- f) Do you believe that the said opportunity is better to be given to the members who are representing this Council for the first time?

**68. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Rajitha Rangana Hapuarachchi from the Hon. Minister of Education, Culture and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information and Technology. (Q/VI(1)/15/69)**

- a) How much has been allocated for Youth Affairs for year 2015?
- b) How many officers function at the Divisional Secretariat level on behalf of accomplishing Youth Affairs within the Western Provincial Council?
- c) If money has not been allocated or officers have not been appointed on behalf of Youth Affairs, what is the service received by the public of the Western Province by gazetting Youth Affairs under your ministry?
- d) What is the role of the Ministry of Youth Affairs?
- e) What are your proposals pertaining to Youth Affairs for the next year?

**09. Question to be asked by Hon. Leader of the Opposition- Manju Sri Arangala 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 Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/15/70)**

- a) Do you intend to hand over the weekly fair belonging to the Homagama Pradeshiya Sabha to private sector by calling tenders?
- b) In the said weekly fair constructed recently, is there plan to construct new boutiques by the Homagama Pradeshiya Sabha?
- c) If so, for which objective is that?
- d) Has the vacant land strip located behind the public market complex of Homagama been called for tenders to maintain as a fee-chargeable vehicle yard?
- e) Would some action be taken regarding the vacant plot of land located in front of the public market complex? If so, what is that?
- f) Would some action be taken with regard to the vehicle yard for parking of three-wheelers, Lorries and other vehicles which is being conducted for around 15 years in front part of the public market complex?
- g) By establishing a vehicle parking yard in this place, the boutiques allocated for selling of products produced by registered women's organizations of the Women's Bureau in Pradeshiya Sabha area of authority will be lost and what action would be taken with regard to that?
- h) Accordingly, would you explain the steps taken with regard to the plot of land located in front of the public market complex?

**10. Question taken time to answer as per provisions of Rules of Procedure Rule No. 31 a (1)**

**The question asked by Hon. member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 17.11.2015 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 Affairs, at the time of Council Adjournment.**

**(Q/vi(1)/15/ADG - 01)**

- a) Are you aware that the part of the road extending towards Miriswaththa in Madapath Shailathalarama road and Alubogahawaththa road belonging to Kesbewa Urban Council was developed by applying ready-mix concrete under Gama-Neguma under an estimate of Rs. 1,430,636.45?
- b) What is the contractual society or institution of that project?
- c) When was the work-completion date?

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- d) Do you know that due to an irregularity occurred, money has not yet been paid?
  - e) Currently, are there influences to make the payments?
  - f) What action will be taken by the Commissioner of Local Government?
  - g) If not, why is that?

**VI. Motions for Leave of Absence**

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

**VIII. Personal Explanations**

**IX. Council Meetings – I**

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

**Motion:**

*“According to the council agreements reached on 03.11.2015, subsequent to today's dispersal, this Provincial Council shall assemble at 9.00 a.m. on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015”.*

**Council Meetings - II**

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

**Motion:**

*“No obstruction whatsoever shall occur from the time periods stated in Rule No. 50(5) of Rules of Procedure for the Debate on Financial Statement of year 2016 and affairs consequential thereto”.*

## X. Public Affairs

01. To be presented by Hon. Isura Devapriya - 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.).

*"The Financial Statement for year 2016 shall be adopted"*

(Presentation of the Financial Statement to the Council)

02. To be presented by Hon. Isura Devapriya - 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.).

*"The Appropriation Statute relevant to the Financial Statement for year 2016 shall be adopted"*

(Presentation of the Appropriation Statute to the Council)

## XI. Adjournment of the Council

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