

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

03rd May 2016, 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 asked by Hon. Member P.D. Abeyrathne on 05.04.2016 from the Hon. Minister of Fisheries, Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development.
(Q/VI(1)/16/28)

- a) Has Dikhena Road of Horana been carpeted by the Provincial Road Development Authority?
- b) How much has been spent on that?
- c) What is the length and width of the completed part?
- d) How much was spent to lay stones on the said road?
- e) Who is the contractor or contracting company which carried out this project?
- f) Are you satisfied about the constructions carried out for the relevant expenditure?
- g) If you are not satisfied, what action would be taken by you with regard to that?

02. Question asked by Hon. Member P.D. Abeyrathne on 05.04.2016 from the Hon. Minister of Fisheries, Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development.
(Q/VI(1)/16/29)

- a) Has the Western Provincial Road Development Authority purchased two concrete laying machines and one Kerber machine in year 2012 at a cost of Rs. 164232954 through a private institution?
- b) If purchased, how has the said money been spent?
- c) Have the relevant machines been accepted by the Authority by 23rd November 2012?
- d) Were those machines kept in unused condition up to this point?

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- e) How much is the annual insurance installment for these machines?
 - f) Do you accept that the Authority is at a loss by insuring machines which are not being used?
 - g) How much is the loss caused to the Authority by insuring these machines up to now?
 - h) What action would be taken by you regarding the destructive monetary-investment stated above?

03. Question asked by Hon. Member K.D. Aruna Deepal on 05.04.2016 from the Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services, Women's Affairs and Council Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/16/30

- a) How many are the motions presented under Private Members' Affairs from year 2000 up to date?
- b) Among them, how many were subjected to discussion (debate)?
- c) How many were withdrawn or rejected?
- d) How many were adopted unanimously?
- e) How many were adopted by majority of votes?
- f) How many motions were defeated?
- g) From among those motions, how many motions are there categorized under each subject such as educations, health, cooperatives, laws and statutes, transport?
- h) Among such adopted motions, which have already been implemented? From which year onwards? Under which ministry?
- i) At the Annual Budget discussions, have these adopted motions been considered and paid attention to? In which year was that?
- j) Has any system for implementation of Members' motions adopted at the Council been devised? If so, what is it?
- k) Owing to whose disability were the adopted motions not implemented? Who is responsible for that?
- l) Do you think it suitable to appoint a committee from this Council to re-consider the motions adopted up to date and take future measures? If so, what action would be taken in that regard?

04. Question asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 05.04.2016 from the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land, Irrigation, Animal Production and Health and Agrarian Development. (Q/VI(1)/16/31)

- a) Have the lands under the Western Provincial Council been let on lease either on long term or short term leasing?
- b) Would you provide a report containing
 - i. Land name and extent
 - ii. Location of land
 - iii. Rent/lease basis
 - iv. Lessee's name
 - v. If an institution is being conducted, name of such institution
 - vi. Date of lease
 - vii. Leasehold termination date
 - viii. Lease amount due as at 05.03.2016 ?
- c) Would you name the lessees and institutions that have created problems owing to non-payment of lease properly after being let on lease as per details of above "b" ?
- d) How much is the total of due lease recoverable by the Provincial Council?
- e) What action has been taken so far with regard to the said problems arisen as a result of non-payment of lease?
- f) If not, why is that?

05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Rajitha Rangana Hapuarachchige from Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land, Irrigation, Animal Production and Health and Agrarian Services (Q/VI(1)/16/32)

- a) (i) How many paddy land extents do exist in the Katana Divisional Secretariat area?
- (ii) How many from that is being cultivated at present?
- b) (i) How much money has been allocated to the Katana Divisional Secretariat by the Ministry of Agriculture within the past 05 years?
- (ii) If such monetary allocations had been made, what are those projects?
- c) (i) Have the relevant Farmers' Associations requested from you to develop Walpola paddy field of Andiambalama?
- (ii) What action has been taken by you with regard to that matter?
- (iii) Would you allocate provisions to accomplish the said requests and to develop the Walpola paddy field of Andiambalama?

06. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Rajitha Rangana Hapuarachhige from Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/33)

- a) How would you interpret 'youth affairs', which functions under your ministry?
- b) People of which age are considered as 'youth' by your ministry?
- c) What is the role assigned to you ministry in relation to 'youth affairs'?
- d) What are the projects implemented in the past year to accomplish each such role?
- e) How much money has been allocated for those projects?
- f) How many officers function within the Western Provincial Council to carry out youth affairs?
- g) If such officers are not available, what are the actions taken by the ministry to perform youth affairs?

07. Question to be asked by Hon. Member P.D. Abeyrathne from Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land, Irrigation, Animal Production and Health and Agrarian Services (Q/VI(1)/16/34)

- a) Has monetary aid been provided by the Iththepana Agrarian Services Office in Walallawita Divisional Secretariat to cultivate fallow paddy fields in Iththepana marshy land area?
- b) If so, how much has been provided per an Acre? For how many people?
- c) Would you mention the amount allocated separately by names?
- d) Have all the aid-receivers cultivated lands and shown results by now?
- e) How many people who have not cleared lands had been provided with money?
- f) Are you satisfied that this project was a success?
- g) If not, what action would be taken by you?

**08. Question to be asked by Hon. Member M. Rose Fernando from Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land, Irrigation, Animal Production and Health and Agrarian Services.
(Q/VI(1)/16/35)**

- a) (i) How much was spent under the previous government's 1000 Tanks Renovation Project to the development of Kuda Wewa located in Peellawaththa in Katana Divisional Secretariat?
- (ii) In which year was that?
- b) Do you know that all the villages located above the tank get flooded during the rainy season as the tank's dam being constructed without proper standard when the renovations took place?
- c) (i) Was water supplied to irrigational lands after the renovation of this tank?
- (ii) If tank water was used for cultivation thus, what is the cultivated land extent in Hectares?
- d) (i) Do you know that the sluice gate key of this tank has been misplaced, leading it to be unopened for more than eight years?
- (ii) Who is responsible for that?
- e) What happened to the soil removed from the tank when the tank was renovated?

99. **Question to be asked by Hon. Member M. Rose Fernando 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)/16/36)

- a) What are the names of Chairmen (separately by each institution) appointed to institutions under your ministry, who were appointed from the date of your assuming duties in the ministry?
- b) What are their educational qualifications (separately by each institution) ?
- c) How many are the persons recruited for vacancies in institutions under your ministry (separately by each institution), who were appointed from the date of your assuming duties in the ministry?
- d) State (separately by each institution) for which designations were those recruitments made?
- e) What are the existing vacancies (separately by each institution) in institutions under your purview for which recruitments have not yet been made?
- a) How many are the persons recruited on untrained or apprentice basis (separately by each institution) for the above mentioned institutions under your purview?

100. **Question to be asked by Hon. Member M. Rose Fernando from the Hon. Minister of Fisheries, Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development.**
(Q/VI(1)/16/37)

- b) What are the names of Chairmen (separately by each institution) appointed to institutions under your ministry, who were appointed from the date of your assuming duties in the ministry?
- c) What are their educational qualifications (separately by each institution) ?
- d) How many are the persons recruited for vacancies in institutions under your ministry (separately by each institution), who were appointed from the date of your assuming duties in the ministry?
- e) State (separately by each institution) for which designations were those recruitments made?
- f) What are the existing vacancies (separately by each institution) in institutions under your purview for which recruitments have not yet been made?
- g) How many are the persons recruited on untrained or apprentice basis (separately by each institution) for the above mentioned institutions under your purview?

VI. Motions for Leave of Absence

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

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Public Affairs

- 01. 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.) :**

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First Reading of the draft statute had been made on
21.07.2015

Relevant to the report of the Committee on Statutes
and Laws held on 10.12.2015 and report of the
Committee on Statutes and Laws held on 24.03.2016

- 02. 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.) :**

Regulations under Pawnbrokers' Statute of the Western Provincial Council No. 01 of 2015

"Regulations cited as the 'Regulations under Pawnbrokers' Statute of the Western Provincial Council No. 01 of 2015'";

drafted under the powers vested as per Section 53 of the Pawnbrokers' Statute No. 01 of 2015 of the Western Provincial Council to the Chief Minister of 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, and,

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have been presented to this Provincial Council on 28.12.2015 for approval as per Sub-section 53(4) of the same statute, and, as per the decision taken therein on the said date and having further discussed at the Committee on Statutes and Laws held on 24.03.2016; the report containing recommendations of the committee was presented to this Provincial Council on 05.04.2016, hence, proceedings shall be taken by considering the recommendations of the said Committee.”

03. 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.) :

Motion:

Appropriation Statute No. 06 of 2014 – as per Section 07

Amending the Limitations of Provincial Council Advance Accounts – Year 2015

“As stated in the Schedule of ‘Amending the Limitations of Advance Accounts – 2015’, since action has been taken in accordance to the provisions of Section 07 in the Appropriation Statute No. 06 of 2014 while amending the advance limitations, and;

as the approval of the Provincial Board of Ministers have been given subjected to the Council approval to carry out the said amendments;

this Western Province Provincial Council intends to amend the limitations of each Advance Account in the manner stated in the said Schedule.”

X. Private Members’ Affairs

01. Hon. Member Lalith Ellawala

“His Excellency the President Maithripala Sirisena’s new government making plans by appointing committees to punish through law the offenders who are responsible for corruption, forgeries, homicides, misusing of state property; alleged to have been committee during the previous government, is an appreciable matter.

There is no other time in recent Sri Lankan history than the period of 1989 -1990 during which time killing of people took place amidst destruction of state property at large. Therefore, this Western Provincial Council requests from His Excellency the President to take action to appoint a committee to investigate into such destructions and punish through law the persons who destroyed state property and carried out human killings as well as to recover from responsible persons the value of state property destroyed.”

(M/vi(01)/15/02)

02. Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe:

“Enrollment of children to schools has escalated into a very critical status.

Although a formal procedure is in action to enroll children to Grade One and Grade Six in comparison to the process of enrolling children to other Grades, such a formal procedure is not in practice to enroll children to other Grades. It is learnt that accepting various bribes, corruption, various irregularities have cropped up as a result.

Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council is in the opinion that a request should be made from all the relevant parties to establish a more formal procedure for enrollment of children to other Grades as is the procedure followed at present with regard to enrollments to Grade One and Grade Six, and, to take measures to implement it in Western Provincial Council schools.”

(M/vi(01)/15/04)

XI. Adjournment of the Council

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