

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

17th 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 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- c) How many were withdrawn or rejected?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?

02. Question asked by Hon. Member M. Rose Fernando on 03.05.2016 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 positions 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?
- f) How many are the persons recruited on untrained or apprentice basis (separately by each institution) for the above mentioned institutions under your purview?

03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member M. Rose Fernando from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/38)

- 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) For which positions were those recruitments made (state separately by each institution)?
- e) What are the existing vacancies (separately by each institution) in institutions under your purview for which recruitments have not yet been made?
- f) How many are the persons recruited on untrained or apprentice basis (separately by each institution) for the above mentioned institutions under your purview?

04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member M. 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)/16/39)

- 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) For which positions were those recruitments made (state separately by each institution)?
- e) What are the existing vacancies (separately by each institution) in institutions under your purview for which recruitments have not yet been made?
- f) How many are the persons recruited on untrained or apprentice basis (separately by each institution) for the above mentioned institutions under your purview?

05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi 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)/16/40)

- a) Have complaints regarding a financial forgery in SANASA Society Ltd. at No. 532 C, Waththegedara been received?
- b) Do you know that a situation where external depositors' money cannot be withdrawn has arisen?
- c) Has an investigation carried out under the Cooperative Department regarding the situation that has crop up in the cooperative society?
- d) What are the facts reported to the Regulatory Body as department's responsibility?
- e) If not why is that?

06. Question to be asked by Hon. Member K.D. Aruna Deepal from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/41)

- a) What is the duty assigned to Mr. Bimal Yasoman Jayasinghe who is employed in Horana Education Zone? In which place?
- b) How many days did the above named person remain on leave in March of 2016? Which are they ?
- c) In the said month of March, what is the duty assigned to the relevant employee, its nature and duty hours?

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- d) To which category does the relevant employee belong, i.e., permanent, casual or temporary basis?
- e) Has the above mentioned employee been released from relevant duties and assigned with another responsibility? If so, what is it?
- f) As per the reply given to part 'e' of my question relevant to Q/vi(i)/16/23, have the relevant Principals, Zonal Director examined Watchmen as stated in the reply?
- g) Have you looked into this matter and become satisfied? Can you present notes or reports kept in relation to such? Has it been noted down in that way?

07. Question to be asked by Hon. Member K.D. Aruna Deepal from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/42)

- a) Has a disciplinary action been taken against the teacher Mr. Niroshan Nawagamuwage serving in Horana Education Zone? If so, on what anti-disciplinary action is that?
- b) Who has made the first complaint that he engaged in an anti-disciplinary action? Was a preliminary investigation made to discern its truth or falsity? By whom? What are the observations?
- c) Which Disciplinary Code or other law, that conforms to the reply given by you to my question No. Q/vi(i)/16/24 has this teacher violated?
- d) Do you know that matters to prove his innocence has been inquired from this relevant teacher by the letter of Provincial Director of Education, No. WP/Admin/12/Ho/86 dated 05.02.2016?
- e) Do you accept that the content of the letter stated in above "d" does not comply with the reply given by you to question No. Q/vi(i)/16/24? If not why is that?
- f) Do you accept that officers of Horana Education Zone have taken action regarding this officer maliciously, on a false allegation and without a legal basis? If you don't accept, on what reasons is that?

08. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi 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)/16/43)

- a) (i) Are you aware that to 05 officers entitled to use official vehicles under the Provincial Road Development Authority, fuel worth Rs. 7,413,106.00 has been allotted exceeding the fuel limit approved for year 2013?
(ii) What are those officers' names and positions?
- b) (i) Do you know that 22 officers who have not obtained approval to use official vehicles, have used official vehicles?
(ii) What are those officers' names and positions?

- c) Do you know that fuel valued Rs. 5,297,864.00 has been used from year 2011 to 2013?
- d) Do you accept that Rs. 2,760,000.00 had been paid in year 2011 and 2013 for a rent vehicle, exceeding the approved monthly rent limit?
- e) How much is the financial loss incurred to Provincial Council as per information in above (a), (b), (c) and (d)?
- f) Who are the responsible persons for these losses?
- g) What action would be taken against the relevant responsible persons?

09. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi 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)/16/44)

- a) Do you know that within the period of 2011-2013, four officers serving in Western Provincial Road Development Authority had rented out their private vehicles to the institution and used those vehicles by themselves?
- b) What are the names and positions of those 04 officers?
- c) How much is the monthly rent obtained?
- d) What is the total amount paid to them as rent during the relevant period?
- e) To which offence category does this belong?

VI. Motions for Leave of Absence

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

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Private Members' Affairs

01. Hon. Member Lalith Ellawala

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"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)

X. Adjournment of the Council

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