

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

05th July 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 Nandana Pathmakumara on 21.06.2016 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)/16/49)

- a) i. Are you aware that Moronthuduwa Weekly Fair functioning under Kalutara Pradeshiya Sabha has been demolished and removed?
 - ii. If so, when was that?
 - iii. For how long?
- b) i. Are you aware that a Founding Stone has been laid for a new construction?
 - ii. When was that?
 - iii. To be completed in how many days?
- c) i. With which institutions had the contractor reached into contracts in relation to this construction?
 - ii. Which institutions allocate money for this?
- d) i. What is the name and address of this contracting firm?
 - ii. What is the name and address of the owner of this firm?
- e) i. What is the reason for not completing work yet?
 - ii. What action has the local government institution taken on that matter?

- f) i. Do you know where the Weekly Fair is being conducted at present?
- ii. In which place is that?
- iii. What action has the Pradeshiya Sabha taken to ease the inconveniences faced by traders and public owing to this situation?
- iv. What are they?
- g) i. Is the Pradeshiya Sabha collecting tax money from the place where the Weekly Fair is located at present?
- ii. How much is that?

02. Question asked by Hon. Member Nandana Pathmakumara on 21.06.2016 from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/50)

- a) i. How many Education Zones are there in Kalutara district?
- ii. What are they?
- iii. How many are the number of students separately at Zonal level who sat for G.C.E.(O/L) examination in year 2015?
- iv. How many are the passed and failed number of students from the said examination?
- v. How many are they according to Zones?
- b) i. How many are the number of students who failed only in Mathematics?
- ii. How many are they according to Zones?
- c) i. Are there any schools where all the students who sat for this examination at school level got failed in Mathematics only?
- ii. Which are they?
- d) i. Has an investigation been conducted by your ministry to discern the matters affecting this situation?
- ii. What is the result of the investigation?
- e) i. Do you accept that injustice has been caused to children of these schools?
- ii. What action will be taken with regard to this?

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03. Question asked by Hon. Member U.L. Senaka Damayantha De Silva on 21.06.2016 from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/51)

- a) How many vacancies were allocated to enroll children of persons engaged in (active) service in Police and Armed Forces, when enrolling children to schools for year 2016 in Colombo district?
- b) Would you mention those vacancies separately by Education Zones and school level?
- c) Do you accept that subsequent to enrolling children of persons serving in active service to the said vacancies; children were enrolled on recommendations of Provincial Council Office Bearers and Members for the remaining vacancies?
- d) If so, would you state the names of those schools and number of vacancies filled thus including on which Provincial Council Members' and Office Bearers' recommendations?
- e) Would you provide a written report including facts as to how children were enrolled to Grade One in year 2016 according to each Member's and Office Bearer's recommendation, including names of the schools?
- f) Do you accept that certain Members did not get an opportunity to enroll even a single child?
- g) Would you provide reasons as to why certain Members and Office bearers got the opportunity to enroll more children while some did not receive one opportunity even?
- h) Do you accept that allocation of these vacancies among Members was carried out on Chief Minister's recommendations?
- i) Would you provide reasons as to assigning of your responsibility to the Chief Minister?

04. Question asked by Hon. Member Sunil Watagala on 21.06.2016 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)/16/52)

- a) How many teachers are there in schools controlled under the Western Provincial Council?
- b) From that amount, how many are they according to teacher categories?
- c) Would you present to this honourable assembly as to the number of teachers that should be there in the province according to circular provisions, and how many are they according to teacher categories?

- d) How many are the persons who have not yet received teacher appointments after having passed in the competitive examination held in year 2014 for recruitment of graduate teachers to Western Provincial Teachers' Service?
- e) When would the teacher appointments be given to the said persons who have passed in the aforementioned examination?
- f) What is/are the obstruction/ obstructions against providing teacher appointments to the persons who have passed in the said examination?

05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/53)

- a) How many teachers are there in schools functioning under the Western Provincial Council?
- b) From that amount, how many are they according to teacher categories?
- c) Would you present to this honourable assembly as to the number of teachers that should be there in the province according to circular provisions, and how many are they according to teacher categories?
- d) How many are the persons who have not yet received teacher appointments after having passed in the competitive examination held in year 2014 for recruitment of graduate teachers to Western Provincial Teachers' Service?
- e) When would the teacher appointments be given to the said persons who have passed in the aforementioned examination?
- f) What obstructions do exist against providing teaching appointments to the persons who have passed in the said examination?

06. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/54)

- a) Who holds the responsibility of "Supasan Guru Paura" Insurance Scheme for teachers, which is in operation in Western Province, as well as the responsibility of its benefits?
- b) How many are the contributors to this scheme at present?
- c) Do you know that the initial monthly contribution amount of this Insurance Scheme has been increased currently?
- d) On which basis has it been increased thus?

- e) Has benefits been increased parallel to increasing of the contributory money? If so, how was it?

07. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lalith Ellawala from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/16/55)

- a) Have you done an analysis on Ordinary Level and Advanced Level results by each school of Bandaragama Divisional Education Office area?
- b) Would you table a results analysis report by each subject and by each school, based on Ordinary Level and Advanced Level classes of the same Education Division from year 2010 to 2015?
- c) According to the statistics given by the said analysis report, are you satisfied about the qualitative development of education within the Division?
- d) What are the measures taken by you for the qualitative development of education in the Bandaragama Education Division?

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 Hon. Minister of Council Affairs:

Motion:

According to the agreement reached at the Business Advisory Committee meeting held on 22.06.2016, subsequent to today's dispersal (on 05.07.2016), this Council shall assemble again at 9.30 a.m. on 18.07.2016 (Monday)

Council Meetings (II)

To be presented by Hon. Minister of Council Affairs:

Motion:

Whatever decision has been taken earlier, without considering any such and as per the agreement reached at the Business Advisory Committee meeting held on 22.06.2016, proceedings shall take having considered 19.07.2016 and 20.07.2016 as days on which the Council meetings will not be held.

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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