

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

On 22nd October 2013, at 09.30 a.m.

at the Council Chamber of the Provincial Council Building Complex of the Western
Province at No. 204, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Sri Jayawardhanapura,
Battaramulla

AGENDA

- I. Announcements by the Chairman**
- II. Presentation of Papers**
- III. Presentation of Committee Reports**
- IV. Petitions**
- V. Questions**
- 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 Sirikamal Felician de Silva :

“Stating that to minimize the annual loss incurred to the Sri Lanka Electricity Board, the electricity bill was increased from last April to recover the said loss by charging from the public. ‘Due to scarcity of rain-reception and resultant drying up of reservoirs, 18% of the country’s electricity demand had to be met up with hydro electricity whereas purchasing electricity at high price from private hydro-power generators as well as electricity production by other methods too was needed’; it was stated. Owing to the heavy rains experienced within the last few months, the reservoirs have brimmed up and 85% of electricity is produced by hydropower plants. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council proposes to the

Government to immediately bring down the increased electricity bill and provide relief to the public. ”
(M/v(01)13/05)

2. Hon. Member Ashoka Lankathilaka:

“We, the Sri Lankans, who were unable even to think about the future having being tormented by a cruel war, can be happy about the development processes that have been implemented in this country today. In that sense, we feel that our future generation is fortunate than us and we too can be happy about those development processes.

Likewise, the Colombo-South Harbour scheme, which was handed over to public recently, is a process that added wonder to the whole Asian region. As a result of that project, even the geographical shape of our country’s map has changed. Moreover, it has enabled us to obtain service from any huge vessel produced in the world as well as to provide service to any country of the world through our harbour. Though people with different intentions howsoever criticize, people who love the country should appreciate these specific processes. This Western Province Provincial Council, therefore, expresses its thanks and blessings to His Excellency the President, Hon. Minister Rohitha Abeygunawardhana, Chairman of the Ports Authority, all the officers, employees and trade unions who contributed to this task; for handing over to the nation such a port having constructed it on behalf of the progress of common Sri Lankan people who were committed to save the country, as well as to all the people who have seen and appreciated this project.”
(M/v(01)13/06)

X. Adjournment of the Council

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