

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

28th April 2015, at 09.30 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. Announcements by the Chairman**
- II. Presentation of Papers**
- III. Presentation of Committee Reports**
- IV. Petitions**
- V. Questions**

01. Question asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 17.03.2015 from the Hon. Minister of Electricity and Power, Provincial Roads, Housing and Constructions, Water Supplies and Drainage, Social Welfare and Urban and Estate Infrastructure Facilities. (Q/VI(1)/15/07)

- a) How many occasions did Hon. Minister Nimal Lansa as the Minister in charge of the subjects assigned to him engaged in foreign tours for the purposes of his position during the tenure of the 5th Provincial Council?
- b) What are the names of the countries and the dates of his foreign tours? Accordingly how many days did he stay abroad?
- c) To which programmes did he participate during those days?
- d) Who are the other persons participated in foreign tours along with the Minister?
- e) How much is the amount spent for each foreign tour?
- f) What is the total amount spent for the tours?
- g) What benefits did the Provincial Council receive as results of each tour?
- h) If not, why is that?

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

02. Question asked by Hon. Member Nalinda Jayathissa on 07.04.2015 from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information and Trade Affairs.

(Q/VI(1)/15/11)

- a) From among the schools of Kalutara district, what are the schools in possession of buses as at 01st of March 2015 which are being used for welfare activities in schools?
- b) When have they received to schools?
- c) What is the type of those buses and registration numbers?
- d) Would you mention separately as to how those buses were received to schools, from Government, old students' association fund or through private donors?
- e) If private donors have involved, would you mention separately the names of those private donors in relation to each school?
- f) Which buses among them lie at running condition?

03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information and Trade Affairs.

(Q/VI(1)/15/14)

- a) Are you aware that disunity and divisions have been created between teachers of school and students in Anuruddha Balika Vidyalaya, Dematagoda in Colombo Education Zone due to misconduct, irregular and undisciplined activities of the Principal of the said school?
- b) Are you aware that school administration and students' education have collapsed as a result?
- c) When there are long standing and continued charges against this Principal regarding misconduct, what action was taken against it?
- d) Instead of providing a speedy solution having conducted the relevant investigations on charges made against this Principal, why is an inspection being carried out against the teachers of the school who were functioning well within the school?
- e) Would you present to this Council the reasons as to why a proper disciplinary action was not taken against this Principal when there is a considerable amount of time has elapsed since charges made against her?
- f) If not, why is that?

04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Hector Bethmage from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information and Trade Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/15/15)

- a) How many teachers are engaged in service currently at Vidyakara Balika Vidyalaya of Maharagama [including the Neelammahara Primary Section] ?
- b) Among those teachers, are there teachers who serve in the school exceeding 10 years of service therein as at 31.12.2014?
- c) If so, how many are there?
- d) If there are such teachers, why weren't they transferred to other schools based on the policy of transferring teachers who served in one service place for more than 10 years?
- e) Would you take action to transfer those teachers immediately?
- f) 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 Affairs I

To be presented by the Minister of Council Affairs:

Motion:

"Whatever decision was taken earlier, without considering such, as per the decision reached at the Business Advisory Committee Meeting held on 08.04.2015 subsequent to the dispersal of the Council of this day (28.04.2015), this Council shall assemble at 9.30 a.m. of 12.05.2015 and 05.05.2015 shall be considered as a date on which the Council meeting will not be held."

Council Affairs II

To be presented by the Minister of Council Affairs:

Motion:

"According to the decision reached at the Business Advisory Committee meeting held on 08.04.2015, subsequent to the dispersal of the Council meeting at the conclusion of its proceedings of 12.05.2015, this Council shall assemble again at 9.30 a.m. of 26.05.2015 and measures shall be taken considering 19.05.2015 as a date on which the Council meeting will not be held."

X. Public Affairs

- 01. Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services, Information and Trade Affairs (W.P.):**

"Pawnbrokers' Statute of the Western Province Provincial Council, No. of 2014 "

[Second Reading]

[First Reading of the draft statute has taken
place on 08.07.2014]

XI. Private Members' Affairs

- 1. Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe:**

"At present, within the Western Province, fees are being charged from school children and parents from time to time. Collecting money from children's parents when children are enrolled to Grade One, Grade Six and Grade Twelve as well as for other requirements in classes have put them in greater difficulties. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council holds the opinion that levying fees (except Facilities Fees) from school children's parents of the Western Province should be suspended."

(M/vi (01)/14/09)

2. Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi:

“Being a process that oppress children and parents both, there is a necessity to change the present procedure followed in enrolling students to Grade 1 in Western Provincial schools. To achieve that, this Western Province Provincial Council holds the view that filling all the vacancies prior to the elapsing of one month from the date of children’s enrollment to schools, by making the Provincial Council receive the name list of children of persons employed in Security Forces prior to the elapsing of 3 weeks from the date of children’s enrollment to schools, cancelling the enrollment of children according to the list presented by ruling party members, preparing a permanent register in chronological order according to the marks received by each child participating in the interview and taking measures to enroll children to schools according to the order of marks received by them should be implemented and thereby enrollments to Grade 1 in schools of the Western Province should be regularized, while, ensuring at the same time for the people of the Province the human right that should be there to enroll a child to a school.” (M/vi (01)/14/10)

XII. Adjournment of the Council

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