

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

23rd October 2018, at 09.30 a.m.

AGENDA

I. Announcements by the Chairman

II. Motion for Leave of Absence

III. Presentation of Papers

IV. Presentation of Committee Reports

V. Petitions

VI. Questions/ Interim Questions

**01. Question asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 09.10.2018
from Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth
Affairs and Information Technology (Q/ VI(1)/18/63)**

- a) What are the reasons to shift the Provincial Department of Education from its former place at Ananda Kumaraswamy Mawatha, Colombo to Ranmagapaya?
- b) Who owns the building at Greenpath in which the Department of Education was maintained?
- c) Will a rent be paid to maintain the Provincial Department of Education in Ranmagapaya? If so, how much is spent on that behalf?
- d) For which purpose would the premises at Greenpath, which remains closed at present, be used?

02. Question asked by Hon. Member Rose Fernando on 09.10.2018 from 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)/18/64)

- a) Are you aware that a part of the building in which the daily fair is held in Kochchikade, in Negombo Municipal Council area, has been demolished suddenly?
- b) Do you know, as a result, some of the traders who carried out daily sales have to engage in their businesses with difficulty, battered in the scorching sun?
- c) Has any institution allocated money to reconstruct this building in which the daily fair is conducted? If so;
 - (i) How much was allocated?
 - (ii) Has a building-plan been made
 - (iii) If such construction is intended, when can it commence?
- d) Has a Municipal Council approval received at a meeting of the Council to demolish the afore-said building?
- e) If no responsible institution has given permission to demolish the above said building, on whose need was it demolished?
- f) Would you take action to prevent the difficulty encountered by public and daily traders owing to the demolishing of the aforesaid building?
- g) If not, why is that?

• **Questions asked at the time of Council Adjournment**

03. Question asked at the time of Council Adjournment of 09.10.2018 by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi from 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)/18/ADG - 05)

- a) Is an official residence being constructed for the Western Provincial Governor's post?
- b) In which place does the said construction take place?
- c) How much is the estimated amount?
- d) Which institution is in charge of the construction-work?
- e) How many storeys do the said building has?
- f) How much was spent on construction of the foundation?
- g) What were the reasons that led to piling of the foundation?

04. Question asked at the time of Council Adjournment of 09.10.2018 by Hon. Member Upali Kodikara from Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology.

(Q/VI(1)/18/ADG - 06)

- a) How many vacancies are there currently in teachers' service in Western Province?
- b) How many attended the interviews without receiving appointments?
- c) How many have been recruited from the examination held under the Gazette notification of 08.08.2014?
- d) If appointments were given to all who obtained 80 marks in the years of 2007 and 2011, what is the reason for not making these appointments within a period close to 4 year after conducting the examination in year 2014?
- e) Is there more than 3000 teacher vacancies exist in the Western Province?
- f) Can't these appointments be made to fill that teacher shortage? (for the ones who faced the interview)
- g) Would appointments be given to persons who faced the interview held from 23.07.2018 to 31.07.2018?
- h) Will action be taken to give appointments to Graduates who faced the interview on 27.12.2014?

05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Sarath Pathirana from Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology.

(Q/VI(1)/18/65)

- a) Will a report be given in terms of ;
 - (i) approved tender procedure,
 - (ii) persons applied for tenders,
 - (iii) persons selected according to tenders
 - (iv) reasons for awarding the tender to the selected persons
 - (v) estimated amount,
 - (vi) the amount for which the tender was granted

in relation to the work relevant to the subjects under the Ministry of Education approved by the Supplementary Estimate recently?
- b) What are the projects which have not yet been awarded tenders?
- c) Are there projects, which are being implemented external to the tender procedure? What are they?

06. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi from Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/18/66)

- a) Is there a procedure formed to grant a pension to employees who retired after working in Multipurpose Co-operative Societies of Western Province?
- b) In which procedure is that?
- c) Have requests being forwarded requesting a pension to be paid under the Provincial Ministry of Cooperatives?
- d) Can a measure be taken in compliance to those requests?
- e) Can provisions be allocated from the annual budget in that regard?
- f) If allocation is possible, will measures be taken to allocate money from the budget of 2019?
- g) If not, why is that?

07. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi from Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/18/67)

- a) Have complaints been received by you, institutions under your ministry regarding financial forgeries, corruption and irregularities taken place under the current administration of Piliyandala Bokundara Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd.?
- b) Who made the complaints?
- c) What are the allegations?
- d) What actions have been taken with regard to that?
- e) If actions have not been taken, what are the reasons for that?

08. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/18/68)

- a) Would you inform to the Council about up to what mark have the recruitments made when recruiting graduates who have passed the Western Provincial Examination to Recruit Graduate Teachers of year 2014 according to the Gazette notification of 08.08.2014?

- b) Do you accept the fact that all the graduates who have exceeded the mark limit of 80 will be recruited to teachers' service?
- c) Would you inform to the Council as to how many are they?
- d) Likewise, would you inform to the Council as to how long will it take to recruit all of them to teachers' Service thus and what procedure will be followed in that regard?
- e) If not, why is that?

09. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/ VI(1)/18/67)

- a) Would you inform to the Council as to who is the contractor of the bridge constructed by Road Development Authority of Western Provincial Council in Ganemulla – Kandana main road between Bulugahagoda and Galahitiyawa?
- b) Would you inform to the Council as to when did the construction work of the said bridge commence and when can its work will be completed?
- c) Do you know that a large number of people use the said road daily and at present, the construction work of the bridge is taking place slowly?
- d) If not, why is that?

VII. Personal Explanations

VIII. Statements on Breach of Privileges

IX. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of the Ministers/ Replies of Breach of Privileges

X. Council Meetings

To be presented by the Hon. Minister of Council Affairs

Motion:

“Subsequent to the dispersal of this day [23.10.2018], this Council shall assemble again on 05.11.2018 [Monday] at 9.30 a.m. and action shall be taken considering 06.02.2018 [Tuesday] as a date on which the Council meeting will not be held.”

XI. Private Members' Affairs

01. Hon. Yasapala Koralage – Deputy Chairman :

It should be mentioned that the public have been greatly pressurized owing to the education policy in practice at present. There is a method to gradually reduce the number of students per classroom from 45 to 35. Presently, 07 children per class have been cut off. The education authorities do not understand that a conflict in society has arisen due to not starting at least one new class in schools to house the students cut-off from a class. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council is in the opinion that immediate attention to this matter should be paid and a number of new classrooms proportionate to house the afore-said numbers of students (who were cut off from each parallel class of a school) should be started in every Education Division. (M/VI/(1)/18/06)

02. Hon. Member Ajantha Niroshan Padukka :

“Provision of micro-finance credit by private sector institutions is in operation in an intriguing manner within the Western Province including the whole island.

Group credit and private credit is being recovered under an annual interest of 40%, which is a gravely unjust exploitation. As the Central Bank's monitoring on this credit system is not sufficient currently, this Western Province Provincial Council requests from the Ministry of Finance and Central Bank of Sri Lanka to pay firm attention to this situation and formulate and implement speedily new laws and regulations to regularize these credit systems.”

(M/VI/(1)/18/08)

XII. Adjournment of the Council

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