

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

05th November 2018 [Monday], 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

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

**01. Question asked at the time of Council Adjournment on 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?

02. Question asked by Hon. Member Sarath Pathirana on 23.10.2018 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?

03. Question asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 23.10.2018 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?

- **Questions raised at the time of Council Adjournment**

04. Question asked at the time of Council Adjournment on 23.10.2018 by Hon. Member Susil Kindelpitiya from Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services, Women's Affairs and Council Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/18/ADG - 07)

- a) How many persons were recruited (by districts) by the Provincial Ministry of Health in years of 2017 and 2018 on contract basis for Dengue eradication programmes?
- b) How many of them have obtained permanent appointments currently? How many of them have not been made permanent?
- c) Would you table their name lists (by districts)? If not why?
- d) How many persons have been recruited in year 2017 and up to now in year 2018 for other vacant positions in hospital staff? Could you table the names and designation lists?
- e) Would you table the number of temporary and permanent recruitments and name lists of persons (by districts) recruited to Provincial Ayurvedic Hospitals and medical centers in year 2017 and up to now in year 2018? If not, why is that?

05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe 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)/18/70)

- a) Are you aware that the residents of house Nos. 8, 14 and 26 located in Nittambuwa – Negombo Road in Attanagalla Pradeshiya Sabha Area of Authority are scheduled to be removed in an attempt to make the city attractive ?
- b) Do you accept the fact that those persons were living in the said lands for more than 50 years?
- c) Do you know that the person appearing as the owner of the said land, i.e., Sondal Abeysekera residing in No. 127, Batadole, Nittambuwa has been informed by way of letters by the Chairman of Attanagalla Pradeshiya to remove the above said residents ?
- d) What action would be taken by you to mete out justice to persons who were residing in the above said houses for a long time?
- e) If not, why is that?

06. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/ VI(1)/18/71)

- a) Would you inform to the Council whether a land called EEtigahawatte otherwise called as Kalagahawatte in No. 3 Delwala Grama Niladhari Division in Meerigama Division of Minuwangoda Education Zone is owned by the Department of Education?
- b) If so, who are the initial owners of the said land?
- c) Would you inform to the Council as to on what basis has the said land been assigned to the Department of Education and who holds the ownership of the land at present?
- d) Do you accept the fact that the said land has been let on lease either on annual rent basis or crop collection basis?
- e) Would you inform to the Council as to whom the said land has been let in that way, the last rent amount and whether a proper procedure was followed in the selection of relevant persons to rent it out?
- f) If not, why is that?

07. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/ VI(1)/18/72)

- a) Do you know that the land called EEtigahawatte otherwise called as Kalagahawatte in No. 3 Delwala Grama Niladhari Division in Meerigama Division of Minuwangoda Education Zone is being used for external affairs other than the affairs related to its assigning?
- b) Would you inform to the Council whether a decision has been taken to assign the said land to its initial owner?
- c) Do you know that a road has been paved from the said land for private use and a permanent bridge has been constructed on private requirement in a manner damaging the reserve of the stream that flows by the boundary of this land?
- d) Would you inform to this Council as to who gave permission in that regard?
- e) 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 (I)

To be presented by the Hon. Minister of Council Affairs

Motion:

“Subsequent to the dispersal of this day [05.11.2018], this Council shall assemble again on 19.11.2018 [Monday] at 9.30 a.m. and action shall be taken considering 20.02.2018 [Tuesday] as a date on which the Council meeting will not be held.”

Council Meetings (II)

To be presented by the Hon. Minister of Council Affairs

Motion:

“As agreed upon at the Business Advisory Committee meeting held on 23.10.2018, 19th of November 2018 and 04th, 05th, 06th, 07th, 10th and 11th of November 2018 shall be considered as days allocated for affairs related to the Financial Statement of 2019 and affairs related thereto.”

XI. Council Affairs (I)

To be presented by the Hon. Minister of Council Affairs

Motion:

“Proceedings shall take considering that no impediment whatsoever shall be caused by provisions of Rules of Procedure Rule No. 39(1) and 52(5) for the affairs stated under No. 01 and 02 in the subject of Public Affairs of today's Agenda”

Council Affairs (II)

To be presented by the Hon. Minister of Council Affairs

Motion:

“According to the agreement reached at the Business Advisory Committee meeting held on 23.10.2018, this Provincial Council agrees to proceed considering the order of Private Member Motions under No. XIII of today’s Agenda as No. 02 and 01 without considering the provisions stated in Rules of Procedure Rule No. 53(3)”.

XII. Public Affairs

01. 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 (W.P.)

Motion:

Supplementary Estimate 03 of 2018

“In order to provide additional allocations for year 2018 for the under-mentioned requirements in the institutions of Western Province , i.e.;

- Department of Health Services
 - i. *Additional provisions required for year 2018 to pay salaries and allowances for new recruitments in the health sector, promotions and transfers obtained to the department.*
 - ii. *Additional provisions required for year 2018 to pay Overtime according to rates increased by promotions and as per circulars issued by the Line Ministry.*
- Department of Ayurveda
 - i. *Additional provisions required for year 2018 for salaries, allowances for new recruitments and transfers to Ayurveda Department and telecommunication services.*
- Ministry of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology
 - i. *Additional provisions required for year 2018 on behalf of bearing grant based expenses received from the Government for the project of “Converting the School Education to be the basis of Knowledge Hub”*

- Engineering Organization

- i. To allocate additional provisions to pay salaries and allowances for new recruitments and to pay due salaries.
- ii. Requiring to pay additional Holiday Pay for the Divisional Engineers and Technical Officers as a large amount of additional work had to be carried out in construction affairs to be performed as per Supplementary Estimate proposals.

as a Supplementary Estimate needs to be presented on behalf of year 2018, the Supplementary Estimate 03 of 2018, prepared for a total provision of One Billion Five Hundred Fifty Three Million and Seven Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Rupees (Rs. 1,553,774,000/-) and with the expectation of setting off the said amount as;

i.	From Provincial Council Revenue	- Rs.	350,000,000/-
ii.	Grants already received from the Government for the project to Convert School Education into the Basis of Knowledge Hub	- Rs.	21,000,000/-
iii.	Grants expected from the Government	- Rs.	1,182,774,000/-
			1,553,774,000/-

and with the anticipation of agreement for reception of the grant stated above as grants receivable from the Government valued Rs. 1,182,774,000/-, this Supplementary Estimate is presented and the said Supplementary Estimate No. 03 of 2018, prepared according to all the above mentioned matters should be adopted. ”

02. 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 (W.P.)

Motion:

Appropriation Statute relating to the Supplementary Estimate 03 of 2018

“The Appropriation Statute No of 2018 which authorizes the payment of money needed for the Supplementary Estimate 03 of year 2018, to a value of One Billion Five Hundred Fifty Three Million and Seven Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Rupees (Rs. 1,553,774,000/-) from the Western Provincial Council Fund and the acceptance of money for the said Western Provincial Fund provided by the Sri Lankan Government as grants or any other means, should be adopted”

03. Private Members' Affairs

01. Hon. Yasapala Koralage – Deputy Chairman :

A fact known by everybody is that students studying in schools of rural areas in the Western Province face grave travelling difficulties. A school-van culture has rooted up as a result. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council is in the opinion that a bicycle should be provided to children above Grade 8 considering the economic hardships and with a view to eliminate school children's travelling difficulties as well as to generate a healthy younger generation, for which opportunity should be provided to allocate provisions under some percentage from the funds allocated to Hon. Members through Criteria Based Grants provided to them.

(M/VI(1)/18/07)

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)

04. Adjournment of the Council

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