

WESTERN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL – COUNCIL MEETING

Debate on the Financial Statement of year 2016

on 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 21st and 22nd of December 2015, at 09.00 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 and Documents**
- III. Presentation of Committee Reports**
- IV. Petitions**
- V. Questions**

01. The question asked by Hon. Member Salochana Gamage on 20.10.2015 from Hon. Minister of Fisheries, Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/15/40)

- a) When gold jewelry in Rural Banks is auctioned, which institutions function as the representative agencies?
- b) What is the bond and responsibility between Rural Banks and the representative agencies?
- c) What is the legal code covering it?
- d) Subsequent to presenting gold jewelry for auctioning, who owns the final decisive authority?

02. The question asked by Hon. Member Salochana Gamage on 20.10.2015 from Hon. Minister of Fisheries, Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/15/41)

- a) Is the Manual of Regulations for Cooperative Rural Banks used currently by the Cooperative Department, a legal document approved by the Western Province Provincial Council?
- b) Who has approved it and when?
- c) Are the aforementioned Manual of Regulations and the Rural Bank Manual of Regulations published by the Western Provincial Cooperative Department and being used currently, same documents?
- d) Has the aforementioned Rural Bank Manual of Regulations been compiled as per authority stated in Section 62 (2) (w) of Cooperative Statute No. 03 of 1998 of Western Provincial Council?
- e) Has the aforementioned Manual of Regulations been published by the Government gazette?
- f) Was the aforementioned Rural Bank Manual of Regulations, stated under No. 36(3) of Cooperative Statute No. 04 of 2011 of Western Provincial Council, adopted? When was it?
- g) Do you accept that utilizing this Manual of Regulations by you to impose punishments under that would cause the tasks done by you so far to be none-effect and inactive?

03. Question asked by Hon. Member Sunil Watagala on 17.11.2015 from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/15/56)

- a) From which circular will the children be enrolled to Grade 01 in Provincial Council schools belonging to Western Provincial Council for the year commencing from 01st of January 2015?
- b) Could you table the said circular?
- c) Are you aware that within the said authority under Western Provincial Council, i.e., in Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara districts, illegal constructions and/ or illegal expelling have taken place?
- d) Do you know that in such a considerable place where a similar type of removal took place, the residents had had Electoral Registers dating back to 40 to 50 years?
- e) Do you know that in certain removals mentioned in the above paragraphs, houses had been provided for some people from Housing Schemes?
- f) Do you know that the previous residing of people who went to reside in Housing Schemes or to other places had been ignored when enrolling children of such families to Grade 01?
- g) If such neglecting has taken place, can you inform the relevant authorities to consider such residing?

04. Question asked by Hon. Member Leonard Karunaratne on 17.11.2015 from the Hon. Minister of Fisheries, Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/15/59)

- a) How many are the Cooperative Societies within the Western Province which have their official tenures outdated, yet not have had their elections held?
 - (i) What are they by their names?
- b) Separately, what are the reasons for not holding the elections of these societies on due time?
- c) What are the societies which function under the previously appointed director boards without holding elections though relevant official tenures have lapsed?
- d) What are the societies which function under control boards appointed by Commissioner of Cooperatives without holding elections though the relevant official tenures have lapsed?
- e) What is the maximum time period of a control board appointed by the Commissioner under the Western Provincial Cooperative Statute?
- f) What are the societies which have control boards that function exceeding the said maximum time period?
- g) Do you know that postponing the holding of elections at a long run when the relevant official tenures have lapsed is contrary to the Cooperative Statute?
 - (i) Is it the Minister relevant to the subject who decides the postponing of these elections contrary to the statute?
 - (ii) If not, by whom?

05. Question asked by Hon. Member Kithsiri Kahatapitiya on 17.11.2015 from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/15/60)

- a) How many registered Daham schools of Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist religions in Western Province in the years of 2012, 2013 and 2014?
- b) How much has been allocated in each such year for the development of each registered Daham schools?
- c) From which fund was the relevant allocations raised?
- d) Are there registered Daham schools which have not been allotted with funds thus?
- e) If such non-allocation has occurred due to which reason was that? If provided with allocations, on which method was that?

06. Question asked by Hon. Member M. Rose Fernando on 24.11.2015 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)/15/64)

- a) Do you know that the revenue of the Trade complex in Welihena situated within the Pradeshiya Sabha area in Katana Divisional Secretariat, which was constructed at a cost of 7 Million Rupees of state money, is obtained by the Jeyaraj Fernandopulle Foundation?
- b) Are you aware that the boutiques of the said shopping complex have not been let on a tender procedure?
- c) Would you take action to allocate the boutiques of the said shopping complex as per a tender procedure?
- d) Would you take action to charge from the Jeyaraj Fernandopulle Foundation the revenue due to the government which was obtained so far by the said Foundation?
- e) If not, why is that?

07. Question asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe on 24.11.2015 from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology.
(Q/VI(1)/15/65)

- a) (i) Among Western Provincial Council schools, how many are the schools that have Grades from 1-11, 6-13, 6-11 and 1-5 in each year from year 2011 to 2015?
- (ii) How many are the number of students, teachers and classrooms separately of the above mentioned schools in relation to the aforementioned years?
- (iii) How many is the number of students engaging in Advanced Level education under each subject stream in all the schools of Western Province?
- (iv) In schools in which the Advanced Level science stream has been commenced, how many are the number of students and teachers deployed in teaching?
- b) (i) Subsequent to naming the name list of schools belonging to the Secondary School Development Project, would you present the number of schools and their names which have been developed up to now in relation to it?
- (ii) Has the progress of Secondary School Development Project put into operation in the Western Province been reviewed?
- (iii) Subsequent to implementing this project, has the number of students who fall out from school education annually from among the students studying in the Secondary Section gone down?
- (iv) Would you present those statistics to this Council?
- (v) Accordingly, has the demand for popular schools gone down by year 2016?
- (vi) By which number is that?

08. Question asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe on 24.11.2015 from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/15/66)

- a) (i) Are you aware that the Principal Thero of Meerigama Bandaranayake Maha Vidyalaya (Afilliated) belonging to Minuwangoda Zone has been transferred from the middle of May?
- (ii) Do you know that when the said Thero was transferred a Principal on his behalf had not been provided?
- (iii) Do you accept that transferring either a Principal or a Teacher without a replacement is illegal?
- b) (i) Do you accept that the administration and discipline of this school has declined in certain level owing to the absence of a permanent Principal?
- (ii) Would you take action to provide a qualified, permanent Principal to this school?
- (iii) If so, from which date onwards will that be?

09. Question asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe on 24.11.2015 from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/15/67)

- a) (i) Are you aware that a Teacher Transfer Board has been appointed as per National Teacher Transfer Policy to properly transfer teachers of the Colombo Education Zone?
- (ii) When proceedings are thus, do you know that the Director of Education in Colombo Zone transfer teachers throughout the year without approval and agreement of the Teacher Transfer Board?
- b) (i) Do you know that the Director of Education in Colombo Zone has transferred a Primary Section Teacher of Mahabodi Vidyalaya, Colombo to St. John's School Colombo on 19.10.2015 or on a date closer to that as he desires and such a transfer has also been made in Methodist Vidyalaya in Kotahena?
- (ii) Would you take action to terminate such irregular teacher transfers that are continually taking place within the Colombo Education Zone?
- (iii) If not, why is that?

10. Question asked by Hon. Member Rajitha Rangana Hapuarachchi on 24.11.2015 from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/15/69)

- a) How much has been allocated for Youth Affairs for year 2015?
- b) How many officers function at the Divisional Secretariat level on behalf of accomplishing Youth Affairs within the Western Provincial Council?
- c) If money has not been allocated or officers have not been appointed on behalf of Youth Affairs, what is the service received by the public of the Western Province by gazetting Youth Affairs under your ministry?
- d) What is the role of the Ministry on Youth Affairs?
- e) What are your proposals pertaining to Youth Affairs for the next year?

11. Question to be asked by Hon. Member M.S.M. Fairooze 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)/15/71)

- a) Are you aware that the Colombo Municipal Council is taking action to reach into a contract to fix 120,000 rates number plates of "4×3" and "6×4" sizes, intended for domestic and business units of Colombo under the topic of "planning, constructing and fixing of number plates for houses in Colombo" ?
- b) Do you know that the contract value of it is Rs. 146, 610, 842.40, that is, the cost borne for one number plate being Rs. 981/-?
- c) (i) Do you accept that the unit cost indicated by (b) as reasonable market value?
(ii) If not, why is that?

12. Question to be asked by Hon. Member M.S.M. Fairooze 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)/15/72)

- a) Are you aware that as an alternative proposal for finding out provisions necessary for a contract to fix 120,000 rates number plates of "4×3" and "6×4" sizes in domestic and business units of Colombo city, Richardson Outdoor (Private) Limited Company has been given permission to fix 42 Granti Boards and 1500 Street name boards, having also given permission to fix 10 more Granti Boards in future?
- b) What is the normal annual fee levied by the Colombo Municipal Council on behalf of fixing a Granti Board and a Street Name board?

- c) As a result of the alternative proposal indicated by "a" ,what is the total financial value of the loss caused to the Colombo Municipal Council ?
- d) By executing the said alternative proposal, do you accept that the money which should be utilized to provide public facilities to low-facility-utilizing public of the Colombo city, get underutilized?
- e) What action will be taken by you with regard to that matter?

13. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Nandana Pathmakumara from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/15/73)

- a) (i) On which basis has the Colombo Zonal Director been appointed to the said position?
(ii) What is the Grade held by him in the Education Administrative Service?
- b) (i) Do you accept that a disciplinary inquiry has been conducted in relation to him?
(ii) Would you present the recommendations of the said disciplinary inquiry to this honourable Council?
(iii) According to those recommendations, can he hold the Zonal Education Director's position?

14. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Nandana Pathmakumara from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/15/74)

- a) (i) How many Education Administrative Service Officers are there in the Western Province?
(ii) How many are they according to each service?
(iii) Would you separately present to this honourable Council as to the numbers of officers in average and special categories?
- b) (i) How many officers of the special category service hold positions in the average category service?
(ii) Would you present separately to this honourable Council as to the positions held by them?

15. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Sunil Watagala from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/15/75)

- a) Do you accept the fact that Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte used to be a Kingdom?
- b) Do you accept that there are a lot of monuments in Kotte town, depicting the history of the old Kingdom?
- c) Which institutions safeguards or protects the said monuments?
- d) Do you know that having destroyed the Guards' Bastion located at Angampitiya, a rampart is being constructed?
- e) Do you accept that a building is being constructed close to Alakeshwara Tomb located in Alakeshwara Road?
- f) Do you accept the fact that the people of that area are opposed to that move?
- g) Is the said building, an office belonging to the Western Provincial Council?
- h) If it is a building of Western Provincial Council, what duty is scheduled to be maintained therein?
- i) Do you accept that by constructing an office in that way, the value attached to the Alakeshwara Tomb gets declined?

VI. Motions for Leave of Absence

VII. Council Meetings

To be presented by the Hon. Minister of Council Affairs:

Motion:

“Subsequent to the dispersal at the conclusion of affairs scheduled for 22nd December 2015, this Council shall assemble again on 05th January 2016 at 9.30 a.m.”.

VIII. 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.).

"The Annual Financial Statement prepared for year 2016 shall be adopted"

15th December 2015 at 9.00 a.m.

- (i) Common discussion
(from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.)
(from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.)
- (iii) Council Adjournment

16th December 2015 at 9.00 a.m.

- (i) Common discussion
(from 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.)
- (ii) Debate on the following Expenditure Heads
(from 10.30 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.)

Head No. 100 – Governor
Head No. 101 – Western Province Provincial Council
Head No. 102 – Provincial Public Service Commission
- (iii) Debate on the Expenditure Heads of the Chief Ministry and Ministry 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 .

Head Nos. - 104,109,110,111,112

(from 02.00 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.)
- (iv) Council Adjournment

17th December 2015 at 9.00 a.m.

- (i) Debate on the Expenditure Heads of the Chief Ministry and Ministry 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 .

Head Nos. - 104,109,110,111,112

(from 09.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.)

- (ii) Debate on the Expenditure Heads of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land, Irrigation, Animal Production and Health and Agrarian Development

Head Nos. - 106,117,118,119,120

(from 11.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.)

(from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.)

- (iii) Council Adjournment

18th December 2015 at 9.00 a.m.

- (i) Debate on the Expenditure Heads of the Ministry of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology.

Head Nos. - 108,126

(from 09.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.)

(from 02.00 p.m. to 03.00 p.m.)

- (ii) Debate on the Expenditure Heads of the Ministry of Fisheries, Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development.

Head Nos. - 107,121,122,123,124,125

(from 03.00 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.)

- (iii) Council Adjournment

21st December 2015 at 9.00 a.m.

- (i) Debate on the Expenditure Heads of the Ministry of Fisheries, Road, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development.

Head Nos. – 107,121,122,123,124,125

(from 09.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.)

- (ii) Debate on the Expenditure Heads of the Ministry of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services, Women's Affairs and Council Affairs.

Head Nos. – 105,113,114,115,116

(from 12.00 noon to 01.00 p.m.)

(from 02.00 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.)

- (iii) Council Adjournment

22nd December 2015 at 9.00 a.m.

- (i) Debate on the Expenditure Heads of the Ministry of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services, Women's Affairs and Council Affairs.

Head Nos. – 105,113,114,115,116

(from 09.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.)

- (ii) 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 .

"The Appropriation Statute relevant to the Financial Statement prepared for year 2016, shall be adopted"

[Relevant copies of the documents have been distributed to Hon. Members at the Council Meeting held on 24.11.2015]

(from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon)

114. **Hon. Isura Devapriya – 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 .**

**Rules drafted under Pawnbrokers' Statute of
Western Province Provincial Council, No. 01 of 2015**

Under the provisions of Section 53 of the Pawnbrokers' Statute of Western Province Provincial Council, No. 01 of 2015, the rules drafted in the name of "Rules drafted under Pawnbrokers' Statute of Western Province Provincial Council, No. 01 of 2015" ;

drafted by 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 as per powers assigned to him; have been published in the Extraordinary Gazette Notification [Part IV (A) – Provincial Councils], No. 1937/20 dated 22nd October 2015 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the said rules are hereby presented to this Western Province Provincial Council for approval in compliance to Sub-section 53(4) of the aforementioned Statute.

IV. Adjournment of the Council

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Secretary,
Western Province Provincial Council

02.12.2015
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Head No:	Ministry/ Department/ Office
100	Governor
101	Western Province Provincial Council
102	Provincial Public Service Commission
103	Co-operative Employees' Commission
104	Ministry of Local Government, Economic Promotion, Electricity and Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism Affairs
105	Ministry of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services, Women's Affairs and Council Affairs
106	Ministry of Agriculture, Land, Irrigation, Animal Production and Health and Agrarian Development
107	Ministry of Fisheries, Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development
108	Ministry of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology
109	Chief Secretary's Office
110	Engineering Organization
111	Department of Revenue
112	Department of Local Government
113	Department of Health Services
114	Department of Ayurveda
115	Department of Social Services
116	Department of Probation and Child Care Services
117	Department of Agriculture
118	Land Commissioner's Department
119	Department of Irrigation
120	Department of Animal Production and Health
121	Department of Motor Transport
122	Department of Co-operative Development
123	Department of Registration of Business Names
124	Department of Commissioner of Houses
125	Department of Industries
126	Department of Education