

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

17th October 2017, 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. The question asked by Hon Member Rois Wijitha Fernando from the Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Planning, Engineering, Services, Law and Order, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Economic Promotion, Electricity, Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism on 03.10.2017.

(Q/VI(i)/17/96)

- a) Do you know that there is a jetty by the name “Kings Island” port which is famous as Guruge Jetty by the lagoon on Negambo Customs Road close to Kothalawala Bridge?
- b) Do you know that there is a notice fixed there as “Kutudel Thotupala”?
- c) Do you accept that this port was constructed with JAICA aids, and it was constructed to develop the tourism improvement program with the use of Dutch Canal?

- d) Do you accept that JAICA aids were supplied to obtain profit to Negambo Metropolis and the public through the development of tourism?
- e) Do you know that the said jetty is now used for the ferry service to transport passengers to the “Kings Island” hotel which belongs to sole businessman known as Guruge?
- f) Can you state the annual income earned by Negambo Metropolis in each year with this jetty? Unless such an income is earned, why it was not so?

02. The question asked by Hon Member K.D Aruna Deepal from the Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Planning, Engineering, Services, Law and Order, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Economic Promotion, Electricity, Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism on 03.10.2017.

(Q/VI(i)/17/97)

- a) Do you know that the permission was granted under the application no Ap/BP/602/15 by Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha for a basic development of a land in Namaluwa of 09 acres 01 rood 32.39 perches (107 lots) with the 18.12.2015 dated letter with conditions?
- b) Do you accept that the conditions with the number 6,7,8,9,10,11,12 and 13 are not fulfilled yet?
- c) Is it satisfactory that the locations of the lots with the number 9 and 105 high are allocated for public facilities? If it so, on what reasons?
- d) Do you know that there is no proper trench system to control and manage the flow of rainwater of the said land which is about 10 acres and the water of the entire land is arranged to flow to the adjacent paddy field with only three of 2 feet wide trenches? Does the Pradeshiya Sabha satisfy that it is sufficient for the purpose and with the arrangement to flow water to the paddy field?
- e) Do you know that the Certificate of Conformity was issued for this land which is with such a large number of shortages?

According to provisions of Rules of Procedure No 31 (a) 1 Questions taken time to answer

03. The question to be asked by Hon Member Susil Kidelpitiye from Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Land Infrastructure, Industries and Regional Development. (Q/VI(1)/17/ADG-07)

- a) Did a seminar held on 14th and 15th September at Rieu Hotel Ahungalla by Ministry of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Land Infrastructure, Industries and Regional Development?

- b) What is the objective of that seminar?
- c) Did that seminar held only for members of Advisory Committee of your Ministry?
- d) If so can you table the names of the members who participated?
- e) Can you table the names of officers who participated for the seminar?
- f) Did Ministers and Members who are not members of Advisory Committee participate for that? Can you table the names of them?
- g) How much money spent on this seminar?
- h) Who participated as resource providers?
- i) How much money paid to them?
- j) How is the progress of that seminar?

04. The question to be asked by Hon Member Niroshan Paddukka from Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child care Services, Women's Affairs and Council Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/17/98)

- a) Do you know that Biology Engineer Koushini Ariyadasa attached to Colombo District health Director's office obtain salary without signing in attendance sheet since 2004?
- b) Do you accept that it is buying unnecessary medical equipments and equipment without any proper quality for hospitals, health medical officers' offices and other institutions attached to this office with the help of her and is revealed by the Auditor? What action did you take regarding that?
- c) (i) Do you know that the cab PE 6817 which is given for Biology Engineering Unit used for her personal affairs and being misused? What action did you take regarding that?
- d) (ii) Do you know that a foreign tour has given as bribery from a biology medical equipment supplying institution and it is mentioned in the Auditor's Report? What action did you take regarding that?
- (iii) Do you know that this tour has been done contrary to provisions of Establishment Code from 28.08.2014 to 03.09.2017?
- (iv) Have you taken disciplinary action against her regarding this?
- e) If not, why?

05. The question to be asked by Hon Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology.

(Q/VI(1)/17/99)

- a) Do you know that on 07th February 2017 according to No 17/0105/742 decision of the Board of Ministers the allowance paid to Principals until now has being amended?
- b) Do you know that accordingly with the signature of Secretary of Ministry of Education on 14.03.2017 a circular bearing 16/2017 has been published?
- c) Do you know that according to that circular the amended allowance should be paid since March 2017?
- d) Under which reason even though about 07 months passed after publishing that circular that allowance is not paid?
- e) When will it paid with arrears allowances?

06. The question to be asked by Hon Member H.M Upali Kodikara from Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology.

(Q/VI(1)/17/100)

- a) What is that date that Former Principal of Maharagama Madya Maha Vidyalaya Mr. Wijerathne received appointment for Kottawa Dharmapala Vidyalaya?
- b) When did his post of Principal suspend?
- c) What is the education region he is appointed to now?
- d) Accordingly even though he has the qualifications to give a post of Princiapal in a school, what is the reason for not giving a school for him?

07. The question to be asked by Hon Member Rose Fernando from Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology.

(Q/VI(1)/17/93)

- a) How many numbers of National schools in Negambo Educational Region (W.P) and Western Provincial Schools?
- b) What is the percentage of Ordinary Level Passed students in Western Provincial Schools according to G.C.E Ordinary Level results among these schools? What is the percentage in National schools?
- c) When comparing G.C.E Ordinary Level Results Island wide what is the position of Western Province?
- d) Do you accept that when comparing with previous years G.C.E Ordinary Level results has decreased in Western Province?

- e) Do you take actions to develop results of Provincial schools by drawing attention to this?
- f) Will it be questioned about this from Provincial Educational Directors?
- g) If not, why?

VI. Motions for Leave of Absence

VII. Announcements of the Ministries/Statements of Ministers

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Motion of Condolences

01. Motion of Condolences presented on behalf of demise of Western Province Former Governor Hon Alhaj Zeid Ahammed Alawi Mawlana

After establishing Provincial Council system, as the fifth Governor who is appointed for the Western province, working 12 years in that position the service done for the Western Province Provincial Council and for the people in the Province by Hon Alhaj Zeid Ahammed Alawi Mawlana is highly appreciated and Western Province Provincial Council pay our consolation by here on his demise.

(Presented by Hon Leader of the House)

02. Motion of Condolences presented on behalf of demise of Western Province Provincial Council Hon Member U.S Perera.

Hon Member U.S Perera who is appointed as a Hon Member for first Provincial Council of Western Province Provincial Council representing United Nations party working about five years in that position the service done for the Western Province Provincial Council and for the people in the Province by him is highly appreciated and Western Province Provincial Council pay our consolation by here on his demise.

(Presented by Hon Leader of the House)

X. Council Affairs

The Motion to be presented by Hon Minister of Council Affairs:

“Today (17.10.2017) Public Affairs mentioned in the Agenda should be prioritized.

XI. Private Members’ Affairs

01. Hon Deputy Chairman Yasapala Koralage :

This Provincial Council is requesting from the government that to by asking from the Great Buddhist Priesthood Gem and committees of peraheras whether the elephants are needed for peraheras commencing under Buddhist sacred places to protect the vanishing historical cultural items and to make necessary procedure to obtain elephants by asking them.

(M/VI(I)/17/07)

02. Hon Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi

Bolgoda Lake which is also known as river a wet lands system situated in an area attached to 02 districts Colombo and Kalutara in Western Province, is a valuable resource which can be used for the development of the province. The wet lands system which has an economic and environmental value has faced many tragedies at present and became a a resource which is not attached to human resource development and not being under any direct development from any administrative institution. This Provincial Council is requesting that it should be prepared a development project for this Bolgoda wet lands system after broad scientific investigation attached with administrative institutions which can be used as a valuable resource for inland fisheries industry, provincial tourism industry, goods transportation and development of medicinal and agricultural economic conditions in wet lands.

(M/VI(I)/17/08)

XII. Public Affairs

01. Hon Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child care Services, Women’s’ Affairs and Council Affairs. (W.P)

Motion:

Code of Conduct for Provincial Council Members

(Draft)

By mentioning that it is advised to present for the approval of the Provincial Council after presenting to boards of government ministries the code of conduct prepared for Provincial Council Members, accordingly to present that code of conduct for the approval of the Provincial Council and to send back to board of ministries with that approval has informed to the Chief Secretary by the letter of Secretary in Ministry of Local Government No PL/10G/08/15 and the letter dated 27.05.2017 and according to decisions reached in the Business Advisory committee Meeting held on 21.06.2017 , to present that draft to Western Province Provincial Council, on that date and Meeting of Board of Ministers held on 27.09.2017 that code of conduct- draft as approval received that it is necessary to present it to Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Governments after presenting it to this Provincial Council, this Western Province Provincial Council decides that after discussing about this in Western Province Provincial Council on today (17.10.2017) and it should be informed to Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Governments the decisions to be reached in this Provincial Council

XIII. Adjournment of the Council

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Western Province Provincial Council

04.10.2017
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**Annexure No 01
and No 02**

**Letter sent by Secretary of Ministry of Provincial Councils
and Local Governments PL/10g/08/15 and dated 27.05.2017
and which has sent to Council Secretary Chief Secretary's
CSO/ADM/25/14/02/01 and dated 07.06.2017 letter.**

Annexure No 03

**Code of Conduct for Provincial Council Members
-2015 Draft
(Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local governments)**