

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

03<sup>rd</sup> April 2018, 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 to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/18/07)**

- a) Would you inform this Council as to how many Night Watchmen are serving in schools administered by the Western Provincial Council?
- b) Would you inform to this Council as to the procedure under which they were recruited?
- c) Do you accept the fact that some Watchmen serving in Night Watchman's positions do not serve in those schools during night time?
- d) Do you accept that some Night Watchmen, without serving properly, obtain their salary by signing in the attendance sheet?
- e) Would you inform the Council separately as to the steps taken by you against these Watchmen who with the assistance of relevant school authorities, do not serve in their positions according to existing rules and regulations, also, what action would be taken by you to deploy them in service properly?
- f) If not, why is that?

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

- a) Would you inform this Council as to how many Labourers are serving in schools administered by the Western Provincial Council?
- b) Would you inform to this Council as to the procedure under which they were recruited?

- c) Do you accept the fact that some Labourers serving in the said position do not serve in those schools daily?
- d) Do you accept that some Labourers, without attending to work daily, obtain their salary by signing in the attendance sheet?
- e) Would you inform the Council separately as to the steps taken by you against these Labourers who with the assistance of relevant school authorities, do not serve in their positions according to existing rules and regulations, also, what action would be taken by you to deploy them in service properly?
- f) If not, why is that?

**03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Rose Fernando from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/18/09)**

- a) Separately and district-wise, how many are the students in Advanced Level/ Ordinary Level classes and other classes who, having failed examinations, dropped out of school annually in the years of 2016 and 2017 from schools of Western Province?
- b) Have the education authorities identified due to which reasons do a maximum number of students drop out of schools? What are those reasons?
- c) When taken district-wise, compared with the number of students enrolled to Grade One during the aforementioned years, how much is the percentage of students who, after passing Advanced Level Examination, step in for higher education from schools of Western Province?
- d) Would you take action to form a system to utilize the contribution of students, who drop out of school or fail examinations, to province's economic development and give them opportunity to achieve their life-challenges ?
- e) If not, why is that?

**04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Rose Fernando 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)/18/10)**

- a) Are you aware that large scale buildings in Western Province which have not obtained approval at local government authority level are being constructed throughout the province without whatsoever approval but stating that they belong to Urban Development Authority?
- b) Do you know that some local government authorities give scant attention to these large scale buildings on the opinion that these buildings do not belong to their purview?

- c) Would you assign guidelines to local government authorities to take action legally with regard to such constructions?
- d) Would you take action to obtain reports from local government authorities in relation to such large scale constructions which have already been constructed?
- e) If not, why is that?

**05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Rose Fernando from the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land, Irrigation, Fisheries, Animal Production and Health and Agrarian Development (Q/VI(1)/18/11)**

- a) By what percentage does the paddy crop received from the paddy fields of Western Province contribute to the consumption of people of Western Province?
- b) How many are the paddy field extent in Hectares to be cultivated in order to obtain a paddy yield to sufficiently serve for the consumer needs of people of Western Province?
- c) How many are the fallow paddy field extent in Hectares which are not yet being cultivated within the Western Province?
- d) What is the method proposed by you to arrange the fallow paddy fields, which are being covered in weeds for over many years, to cater to food requirements of people of the area?
- e) Would you take action to upgrade Western Province as an exemplary Province that had achieved self-sufficiency in food by utilizing the resources owned by the Province?
- 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 Meetings**

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

**Motion:**

*“According to the agreement reached at the Business Advisory Committee meeting held on 21.03.2018, subsequent to the dispersal of today [03.04.2018], this Council shall assemble again on 08.05.2018 at 9.30 a.m. while considering 17.04.2018 [Tuesday] as a date on which the Council meeting will not be held.”*

## **X. Private Members' Affairs**

### **01. Hon. Member Rose Fernando :**

“Though we boast of Sri Lanka as a country exceeding 2500 years of history, if we, as contemporary political leaders do not take action to create a developed country for the future generation to dignifiedly appreciate a history, it would be a kind of defaulting of our responsibility. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council proposes to the government that a program should be formed and implemented where all the people’s representatives should take leadership to carry this country towards a speedy development by integrating ethnic, religious and social powers of this country and harmoniously taking up one path under a national policy to build up a strong economy having maximally deployed the national wealth, power and all our skills and abilities, also, by identifying beforehand the natural disasters as well as problems that may arise in future.”

**(M/vi(1)/17/11)**

### **02. Hon. Member Rose Fernando :**

According to the accepted law of this country, jurisdiction of a functioning court should be published by a Gazette notification by the Minister of Justice in consultation with the Judicial Services Commission and the Chairman of Court of Appeal as per Clause (2) of Judicature Act. Such legal provision has been provided as the above mentioned persons and institutions constantly obtain a good understanding about how the existing courts function and the practical problems arising in them. However, recently, occasions have been noted where action has been taken without following the said due procedure when demarcating jurisdictions. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council requests from the Government to subject all such demarcations to a re-evaluation in a manner augmenting the public trust on the judiciary and take action to rectify within the legal framework, if any error has taken place.

**(M/vi(1)/17/12)**

## **XI. Adjournment of the Council**

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