

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

09<sup>th</sup> January 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 asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe on 05.12.2017 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)/17/112)**

- a) Do you accept that the traffic plan operating 3 years ago around the shopping complex administered by the Negombo Municipal Council was functioning properly?
- b) According to that plan, do you know that one way traffic was introduced only on special occasions?
- c) Do you know that without informing anybody, traffic has been directed to one way only of this shopping complex at present?
- d) What action will be taken by you against the persons who have implemented that plan without informing the relevant businessmen and officers?
- e) What action will be taken by you to mete out justice to businessmen by implementing the traffic plan that operated previously?
- f) If not, why is that?

**02. Question asked by Hon. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 05.12.2017 from the Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/17/117)**

- a) Did the disciplinary inquiry relevant to financial irregularities of No. 532/C Wattededara SANASA Society Ltd conclude?
- b) If not concluded, what are the reasons for it?
- c) Would you present a report containing complete details to the Council as per investigations carried out so far?
- d) Based on that report, what are the facts revealed about how the irregularities have taken place?
- e) How much is the value of money collected after suspension of affairs of the said Society?
- f) Would action be taken to distribute fairly the money of depositors who stand up for their rights?
- g) If not, why is that?

**03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/17/120)**

- a) Do you know that a road reserve exist for a road connecting Route No. 244, Seeduwa – Kotugoda Road and Ja Ela – Minuwangoda Road in No. 204 B Grama Niladhari Division in Katana Divisional Secretariat?
- b) Do you know that even though a part of that road reserve is being used as a road, in some other part, illegal constructions have taken place?
- c) Do you know that the said road reserve has been referred by Katana Divisional Secretary under file No. Kata/217/09 dated 05/07/2017 to the Surveyors' Department to obtain a surveying order wherein the Surveyors' Department has marked the boundaries of the said road reserve under file No. Kata/217/345 and conveyed it to the Divisional Secretary?
- d) Are you aware that after marking the boundaries of the said road reserve, certain group of people is trying to obtain this plot of land under 99 year lease basis?
- e) If the said road reserve is utilized to build up an alternative road, do you know that it will provide access to towns like Millennium City, Nivasi Pura and Midland Estate?

**VI. Motions for leave of absence**

**VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of  
the Ministers**

**VIII. Personal Explanations**

**IX. Public Affairs**

- 01. Hon. Sumith Lal Mendis - Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services, Women's Affairs and Council Affairs (W.P.):**

**Motion:**

**New Rules of Procedure – Western Province Provincial Council**

*“Western Province Provincial Council’s New Rules of Procedure draft, presented to this Western Province Provincial Council on 07.11.2017 shall be discussed and adopted”*

Relates to affairs of Business  
Advisory Committee meeting  
held on 14.11.2017

**X. Private Members' Affairs**

- 01. Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi :**

“The wet-land system known as Bolgoda River or Bolgoda Lake, situated in an area belonging to Colombo and Kalutara districts of Western Province is an important resource which can be utilized for the development of the Province. This wet-land system possessing economic and environmental importance has faced numerous destructions and has become an abandoned resource at present without contributing to human development neither being subjected to a direct development by any administrative authority. This Western Province Provincial Council proposes that a development program for the Bolgoda Wet-lad system in collaboration with administrative authorities should be formed subsequent to a broader scientific research about this environmental system which can be utilized as an important resource with a potential to fresh water fisheries industry, provincial tourism, goods transportation and nurturing of medicinal and agro-economic statuses relating to wet-lands”

**(M/vi(1)/17/08)**

**02. Hon. Member Nishantha Sri Warnasinghe :**

“As a result of speedy growth in consumerism triggered by the introduction to open economic trade in Sri Lanka, the waste disposal amounts increased speedily. In such waste disposed, non-biodegradable lunch sheets, shopping bags, polystyrene and polythene collected largely and owing to that, this became a reason to delay the decay of biodegradable waste and it affected the environment, society, human existence as well as other animal species multifariously wherein accumulation of non-decaying waste led to mountainous garbage dumps resulting in a huge tragedy and loss of lives.

The decision taken by the Government led by His Excellency the President prohibiting production, selling and use of lunch sheet, shopping bags, polystyrene and polythene as they make major delay and obstructions as well as cause destruction to the processes of waste disposal, decay, recycling and compost production; is hereby appreciated and praised as an effective policy decision taken for country’s future generation and environment. While proposing to this Western Province Provincial Council that it shall extend its support to implement this polythene prohibition and to implement the law relevant to it on behalf of the country and requesting from the government that these policies shall not be reversed due to whatever an influence, whereas, immediate action be taken to promote environment friendly alternatives and substitutes and to popularize them among the public”.

**(M/vi(1)/17/09)**

**XI. Adjournment of the Council**

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