

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

On 07th January 2014, at 09.30 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**
- III. Presentation of Committee Reports**
- IV. Petitions**
- V. Questions**

01. Question asked on 05.11.2013 by Hon. Member Sirikamal Felician de Silva from the Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare and Women's Affairs, Probation and Child Care Services and Council Affairs. (Q/v(01)/13/15)

- a) Are you aware that the maternity home of the Pamunugama Hospital is not functioning very well?
- b) Do you know that the laboratory of that hospital remains inactive?
- c) Do you know that the out-patients section of the said hospital is not functioning properly?
- d) Do you know that the hospital administration and patients are faced with inconveniences as a result of the disunion existing within the staff of that hospital?
- e) What action will be taken by you about this situation?

02. Question asked by Hon. Member Niroshan Padukka on 26.11.2013 from the Hon. Minister of Transport, Sports and Youth Affairs, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Cooperative Development, Food Supplies and Distribution Affairs and Rural Development. (Q/v(01)/13/16)

- a) Were meters for three-wheelers provided under the provisions of your ministry?
- b) What is that meter type and product name?
- c) What is the price of one meter?

- d) How many meters were distributed?
- e) How much money was spent for those meters?
- f) What is the difference between the three-wheeler meters provided by the Industrial Development Authority of the Ministry of Agriculture and the meters provided by your ministry?
- g) On what basis is the photograph of the Chairman of Maharagama Urban Council has been included into the sticker displayed on three-wheelers, which have meters provided by your ministry fixed in to them?

03. Question asked by Hon. Member Niroshan Padukka on 26.11.2013 from the Hon. Minister of Transport, Sports and Youth Affairs, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Cooperative Development, Food Supplies and Distribution Affairs and Rural Development. (Q/v(01)/13/17)

- a) What is the number of foreign tours participated by you during the last five years under your ministry and institutions related to it?
- b) What are the countries travelled to?
- c) For which reasons?
- d) How much is the expenditure borne by your ministry and related institutions separately within the period of 05 years for foreign tours?
- e) What are the dates and durations of those foreign tours?
- f) Who are the officers participated in these foreign tours along with you respectively?
- g) On what basis were they selected?
- h) What is the annual amount spent for those tours separately?
- i) In addition to this, within this period, did you participate in foreign tours under provisions of other ministries?
- j) If so, would you mention those dates and countries?

04. Question asked on 26.11.2013 by Hon. Member Niroshan Padukka from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Economic Promotion and Electricity, Energy and Trade Affairs. (Q/v(01)/13/18)

- a) Is there an audit report in relation to frauds and corruption happened at the time of Mr. S.K. Karunarathne, Principal of St. John Bosco College of Hanwella- Homagama?

- b) Why wasn't action taken during his time to charge a sum of Rs. 99640/- due from the canteen? What action should be taken regarding that matter?
- c) What was the action taken with regard to issuance of cheques in the names of the staff without making payments via cheques to relevant institutions on behalf of bills valued Rs. 815,000/-, spent for constructing the roofs of 5 toilets?
- d) What was the action taken with regard to obtaining of money valued Rs. 830,000/- to Principal's name, Rs. 10,000/- to the Teacher named Charmini Maanawadu, Rs. 3510/- to the name of School Labourer- Ayesha Lakmal, Rs. 31,500/- to the Library Assistant- Sudesh Gunawardhana without preparing vouchers on behalf of expenditure estimates valued Rs. 1,073,200/-?
- e) How does the said staff serve in that school?
- f) What was the action taken by you in relation to the bribery and corruption allegation complaints forwarded against the Divisional Director – Ariyaratne and Principal?

05. Question asked on 03.12.2013 by Hon. Member Mujibur Rahuman from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Economic Promotion and Electricity, Power and Energy and Trade Affairs.
(Q/v(01)/13/19)

- a) Have private schools been registered in the Department of Provincial Registrar of Companies functioning under your ministry?
- b) How many schools have been registered?
- c) Have those schools been categorized as primary and secondary schools prior to registration?
- d) If not, why is that?
- e) Do you accept that these private schools are illegal?
- f) If so, what action would be taken by you regarding those schools?

VI. Motions for leave of absence

VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of the Ministers

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Private Members' Affairs

01. Hon. Member Sirikamal Felician de Silva :

“Stating that to minimize the annual loss incurred to the Sri Lanka Electricity Board, the electricity bill was increased from last April to recover the said loss by charging from the public. ‘Due to scarcity of rain-reception and resultant drying up of reservoirs, 18% of the country’s electricity demand had to be met up with hydro electricity whereas purchasing electricity at high price from private hydro-power generators as well as electricity production by other methods too was needed’; it was stated. Owing to the heavy rains experienced within the last few months, the reservoirs have brimmed up and 85% of electricity is produced by hydropower plants. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council proposes to the Government to immediately bring down the increased electricity bill and provide relief to the public.” (M/v(01)13/05)

02. Hon. Member Ashoka Lankathilaka :

“We, the Sri Lankans, who were unable even to think about the future having being tormented by a cruel war, can be happy about the development processes that have been implemented in this country today. In that sense, we feel that our future generation is fortunate than us and we too can be happy about those development processes.

Likewise, the Colombo-South Harbour scheme, which was handed over to public recently, is a process that added wonder to the whole Asian region. As a result of that project, even the geographical shape of our country’s map has changed. Moreover, it has enabled us to obtain service from any huge vessel produced in the world as well as to provide service to any country of the world through our harbour. Though people with different intentions howsoever criticize, people who love the country should appreciate these specific processes. This Western Province Provincial Council, therefore, expresses its thanks and blessings to His Excellency the President, Hon. Minister Rohitha Abeygunawardhana, Chairman of the Ports Authority, all the officers, employees and trade unions who contributed to this task; for handing over to the nation such a port having constructed it on behalf of the progress of common Sri Lankan people who were committed to save the country, as well as to all the people who have seen and appreciated this project.” (M/v(01)13/06)

X. Adjournment

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