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PART IV (A) — PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

Provincial Councils Notifications

NOTIFICATION MADE UNDER ARTICLE 154C AND SUB-SECTION 19(5) OF PROVINCIAL COUNCILS ACT, No. 42 OF 1987 READ WITH ARTICLE 154 f OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

AS per the powers vested in me under Article 154 c and Sub-section 19(5) of Provincial Councils Act, No. 42 of 1987 read with Article 154 f of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I hereby announce that rules to be adopted when development plans relevant to the summary year that utilize funds of the Western Provincial Council Fund are formulated and implemented.

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Western Province.

At Governor's Office, Western Province,
Located in the Western Provincial Council Building,
Battaramulla,
On 16th day of October, 2023.



Rules

1. These rules will be enforced to regulate the criteria relevant to formulation and implementation of development plans for certain financial year relevant to the Provincial Council fund and to repeal the rules relevant to formulation and implementation of development plans relevant to the Western Provincial Fund published by the *Extraordinary Gazette* No. 2190/25 dated 25th August 2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.
2. These rules shall be cited as Rules relating to Formulation and Implementation of Development Plans relevant to the Western Provincial Council Fund, No. 01 of 2023.
3. It is hereby ordered that each provincial ministry of the Western Province shall conform to the following stated criteria when annual development plan and the action plan relating to the Western Provincial Fund for a financial year is formed.
 - (1) At the time of forming the annual development plan relevant to the Western Provincial Council Fund, development proposals relevant to the Western Province that accords to the National Policy Framework should be taken into consideration.
 - (2) Development plan should be formed to achieve the main thrust areas that have already been identified in the middle-term sectarian framework, sustainable development objectives and targets.
 - (3) When development programs are implemented, in order to prevent project duplication, attention should be paid to form plans that fall directly within the subject area of the ministry. Priority should be given herein to assign the project authority and the implementation authority to the relevant institution functioning under the relevant ministry.
 - (4) When implementing development projects, all the projects should be subjected to supervision of the relevant project authority.
 - (5) Attention should be paid to preservation of sustainability and productivity of projects.
 - (6) To implement training and capacity development programs, having prepared a detailed project report inclusive of an estimate, approval should be obtained to it from the project authority. This procedure shall be followed up to Five Million Rupees and with regard to projects that exceed this value, measures should be taken according to instructions issued from time to time through circulars.
 - (7) (i) When planning for new construction projects that spans for several years, the total approximate estimation of the project and the work-load expected to be completed in each year should be forwarded.
 (ii) Projects that are expected to be completed within a year should not be initiated without proper planning as to how total provisions for the project shall be raised.
 - (8) When submitting proposal to renovate or construct a property, it shall belong to a Government or Semi-government institution. Similarly, prior to allocating provisions for construction and renovation of buildings, satisfaction should be established with regard to clear utilization of such property in future. Moreover, a clear process as to how such construction be maintained in future needs to be formed.
 - (9) In addition to the tasks stated for relevant sections, when submitting project proposals relating to timely requirements and special occasions, a justification report along with a recommendation of the relevant Provincial Secretary to the Ministry or Authority in charge of Operations should be forwarded to the Chief Secretary. The Chief Secretary should give his approval to implement the said project where he is satisfied regarding the said justification report.

- (10) Based on the justification and recommendation of the Authority in charge of Operations, Provisions can be allocated for development and construction of Government registered public buildings where provincial services are provided.
 - (11) Provisions allocated through the Provincial Development program should not be utilized for training of officers and they should be referred only to be used as Capital Expenditure.
4. When identifying and approving proposals under the subject of education, the following criteria should be confirmed to.
- (1) Without duplicating with the projects implemented by deploying other sources of fund, compulsory development affairs of schools including building construction and development affairs, constructing protective gates, sanitary affairs and supply of drinking water, construction and development of playground and kids' grounds, and, on recommendation of Zonal Director of Education providing compulsory goods and equipment such as computers, desks, chairs, musical instruments, sports equipment and lab equipment and repairing of existing equipment can be carried out.
 - (2) For the students who find it difficult to buy books and educational equipment due to low family income level, educational equipment such as books, pens and pencils, mathematical sets, books and bags etc. can be provided subject to a maximum of Ten Thousand Rupees per a student per year. Subsequent to obtaining the recommendation from the Grama Niladhari and Principal with regard to the income status of the family, such donation shall be provided to the relevant student through the class teacher, Other students of the school should not be informed about such donation and care should be taken to refrain from providing students generally with books and equipment utilizing these funds.
 - (3) Taking measures to conduct seminars and training workshops to develop and assess knowledge, skills and attitudes of students, teachers and principals of provincial council schools. The Zonal Director of Education should confirm that the resource persons selected for the said workshops are experts in the relevant subject fields.
 - (4) When conducting training programs and seminars that target examinations, they should be planned to be able to conduct within proper time periods that ensure the achievement of expected targets of such programs.
 - (5) Implementable projects should be as follows.
 - (6) Providing physical resources to offices that are related to the field of education and directly provide contribution to maintain the school system efficiently, also, development of such offices and taking measures to conduct training workshops for officers in such offices upon requirement. Herein, related tasks should be carried out on recommendation of Provincial Director of Education and on approval of the provincial Secretary of Education. (When obtaining resource personnel for training workshops, the Zonal Director of Education and Provincial Director of Education should confirm that the resource persons selected for the said workshops are experts in the relevant subject fields.)
 - (i) Conducting Fifth Grade Scholarship support programs.
 - (ii) Presenting proposals that correspond to National Policies when planning special programs to direct children who leave school education to vocational education that correspond to their skills.
 - (iii) Providing compulsory equipment required by special and non-formal education units.
 - (iv) Buildings of pre-schools conducted under the Government, Provincial Councils and Local Government Authorities can be developed.

- (v) Conducting Pre-school teacher training programs subject to a maximum of Rupees One Hundred Fifty Thousand Rupees.
 - (vi) Under the Pre-schools Statute, Providing desks, chairs and other compulsory equipment to pre-schools registered under the Divisional Secretariat subject to a maximum expenditure of Rupees Fifty Thousand. (These pre-school need to be ones that were in the business actively for minimum of 03 years and should be ones that do not earn a sufficient income to supply the compulsory equipment for the students to engage in learning activities.)
 - (vii) Conducting programs to upgrade the nutrition status of school children who possess identified requirements, providing material aids and providing facilities for other requirements.
 - (viii) Identifying programs to achieve National Food Security and identifying programs for prevention of substance abuse at school level, planning and implementing such programs.
5. The following criteria could be corresponded to when identifying and approving proposals under the subject of land.
- (1) Presenting proposals for land renovation and development while paying major attention to environmental preservation.
 - (2) Planning for capital type investments relevant to executing of laws and regulations related to lands, assignment of state lands on personal or institutional level and maintaining land related data, and presentation of such proposals.
 - (3) Presenting proposals to develop public infrastructure facilities to uplift the living conditions of people living in settlements.
6. When identifying and approving proposals under the subject of Local Government and Provincial Administration, the following criteria can be conformed to ;
- (1) Development and maintenance of rural public roads in local government authority areas and, other development affairs such as small bridges and culverts in such roads.
 - (2) Regulation and maintenance of community halls, weekly fairs, drinkable water supplies, library services, crematoriums, cemeteries; development and maintenance of local government services such as maternity clinics, pre-schools, playgrounds and gardens.
 - (3) Raising awareness in people, management of waste, development and maintenance of public lavatories, drainage systems and canal ways to keep health and sanitary conditions in local government areas properly.
 - (4) Providing facilities necessary to maintain the system of local authorities efficiently and properly.
 - (5) Providing water and electricity facilities for community halls and public buildings situated in the lands belonging to the government and local authorities.
 - (6) Activities relating to empowerment of officers and community to improve the efficiency in local government program service providing and project implementation and to set direction to such.
 - (7) Supplying the required machinery to improve the efficiency of Local authorities' service providing, and operating maintenance units.

- (8) Providing waste separation bins and compost bins required for waste management.
 - (9) Allocating provisions for large scale projects which cannot be accomplished by the Local Authorities.
 - (10) Providing facilities and equipment required for disaster management.
 - (11) Providing chair and foldable tents subjected to a maximum of Rupees One Hundred Thousand to Community Boards (*Praja Mandala*) lacking chairs and foldable tents sufficiently. Which have been registered formally in the Pradeshiya Sabha and maintained actively for more than two years.
7. Proposals under the subject of Agriculture can be identified and approved confirming to the criteria mentioned below.
- (1) To increase the productivity of agricultural-crop production in the province, providing agricultural equipment to the registered farmer organizations up to a maximum of Rupees Five Hundred Thousand consisting a 30% contribution from the beneficiaries from the total value.
 - (2) Providing seeds, cultivation media and inputs for the farmers to increase productivity of agricultural-crop production in the province up to a maximum contribution of Rupees One Hundred Thousand from the Government consisting a 30% beneficiary-contribution from the total value.
 - (3) Presenting project proposals relevant to sales promotions of the agricultural crops produced.
 - (4) Presenting project proposals related to increasing the consumption of organic fertilizers in order to popularize the use of non-toxic quality vegetables and fruits at the household level.
 - (5) Presenting necessary project proposal for value added products and providing market facilities for them.
 - (6) Conducting training programs for farmers, farmer organizations and the officers related to extension services.
 - (7) Conducting training programs for the promotion of home gardens as models in the localities of Schools, Home and government institutions and providing inputs when required.
 - (8) Taking measures to increase crop production and productivity in the province by making quality seeds, cultivation media and inputs abundantly available.
 - (9) Implementation of projects to promote agribusinesses and entrepreneurship and to reduce post-harvest damages.
 - (10) Submitting proposals to persuade the youth community towards agriculture.
 - (11) Presentation of environmental-friendly agricultural proposals.
 - (12) Implementing programs related to effective use of uncultivated land for cultivation purposes.
 - (13) Popularizing among farmers improved seeds and cultivation media that have been improved to withstand climate change.
 - (14) Educating people on how to carry out cultivation in such a way as to have minimal impact on the environment.
 - (15) Imparting modern agricultural knowledge to farmers.
 - (16) Submitting project proposals for the construction and development of buildings of agricultural sector.

- (17) Providing necessary facilities for agricultural research activities and experiments in the Western Province.
 - (18) Carrying out necessary activities to maintain the farms operating under the Department of Agriculture of Western Province as integrated Farms.
 - (19) Providing agricultural machinery for the farms operating under the Department of Agriculture of Western Province and maintaining continuous service supply.
8. Proposals under the subject of Minor Irrigation should be identified and approved conforming to the criterion mentioned below.
- (1) Providing necessary facilities to carry water to the agriculture lands when providing water supply to lands in which agricultural works are carried out.
 - (2) Maintenance and development of existing and new irrigation works and construction of new irrigation works so as to obtain maximum labour contribution.
 - (3) Conducting programs to impart knowledge about water management to the farming community.
 - (4) Submitting project proposals for constructions related to minor irrigations or irrigation of which renovations are expected to be completed or other elements.
 - (5) Constructing agricultural roads and tractor bunds to access agricultural lands.
 - (6) Purchasing Mechanical equipment related to constructions and maintenance of irrigation and carrying out continuous service supply.
9. Proposals under the subject of Industries should be identified and approved conforming to the criterion mentioned below.
- (1) Support can be provided for the purchase of necessary inputs and technical equipment for specifically identified projects of a registered active society on small industries in order to encourage local traditional industries covering various ranges and to improve the quality of those products. A contribution of 30% of the value should be borne by the concerned society and the maximum amount of assistance that can be given is Rupees Three Hundred Thousand. In this regard, the recommendation of an officer with technical knowledge on the relevant industry is mandatory along with the project report. In addition to this, if equipment is provided to a beneficiary engaged in traditional local industry, it shall be provided beneficiary on beneficiary contribution of 30% and subjected to a maximum of Rupees One Hundred Thousand.
 - (2) Contributing to introduce a market for the sale of craftsmen's products, establishing and developing trade centers and conducting mobile market and exhibitions.
 - (3) Providing facilities required to introduce and implement modern technological methods.
 - (4) Most appropriate resource person should be selected according to the target group when conducting training programs to improve skills of those who engaged in industries. The prior approval of the project or implementing authority should be obtained in that regard according to the nature of the project. The resource person should be an expert who has vocational skills related to the concerned field and possess certificates awarded from a recognized institution. In the event the resource person cannot produce such recognized certificates yet a skilled craftsman, the prior approval of the Secretary of the ministry in charge of the relevant subject should be obtained.
 - (5) Provisions can be offered for the persons who hope to engaged in a self-employment to undergo a training course subjected to a maximum of Rupees Fifty Thousand per individual and priority should

be given those who have not been covered by any such scheme and persons who have not received such sponsored allowance before including the low income earners who belong to following categories.

- (i) Persons within the age of 18-45 years in low income earning families.
 - (ii) Matriarchal
 - (iii) Persons with special needs
- (6) Providing self-employment equipment subjected to a maximum of Rupees One Hundred Thousand as Government contribution and on minimum beneficiary contribution of 20% when providing direct grants as self-employment equipment under the Provincial Development financial resource for low income earners.

Regardless of what is stated under this section, under specific circumstances, the Chief Secretary may decide the percentage of minimum contribution which lies at 20% by taking into account the facts presented by the Secretary of the Ministry in charge of the relevant subject.

Also, the list of beneficiaries who receive direct grants should be submitted for approval and should function to encourage small and medium-scale industrialists in the Western Province, provide them with entrepreneurship training and technical training, providing financial service and financial credit facilities, and to prepare a pension scheme for them and should conduct programs to network the information of the traders and the inventors of the province must be gathered and programs should be conducted for them and they should be linked with the central government institutions and focus on making them contribute to the national development, under which only the capital goods related to the project should be given. Consumer goods should not be provided.

10. Proposals under the subject of Environmental Affairs should be identified and approved confirming to the criteria mentioned below.

- (1) Sustainable maintenance of the existing ecosystem in the Western Province.
- (2) Creation of ecological gardens including urban bowers, forests and herb gardens for the provincial community.
- (3) Creating green-strips alongside the roads.
- (4) Establishing joint operations for environmental development by involving government, non-government and private institutions, creating green villages and herbal medicine villages.
- (5) Conserving and enhancing aquatic ecosystem such as water sources, streams and brooks, tanks and ponds, coastal lines and lagoons.
- (6) Implementing programs in coordination with stake holder institutions/ individuals to identify and solve critical environmental issues in the Western Province.
- (7) Celebrating the Environment Day.
- (8) Implementing national level environmental programs and connected projects.
- (9) Implementing programs to conserve flora and fauna species endangered and threatened with extinction.

11. The following criteria may be followed in identifying and approving proposals under the subject of Culture and Artistic Affairs.

- (1) Introducing project proposals that assist preserving the existing cultural endowment and heritage in the province and bequeath them to future generations.

- (2) Provisions may be allocated subject to a maximum of Rupees Five Hundred thousand for the essential development activities of registered religious places of worship and Sunday schools with lesser facilities. In that case, priority should be given to religious places of worship and Dhamma Schools that did not receive funding earlier.
- (3) Necessary equipment can be provided to continue Dhamma school activities of the registered Dhamma schools with lesser facilities and on the recommendation of the Cultural Officers of the Western Provincial Council Public Service of the relevant Divisional Secretariat, the maximum amount that can be allocated for One Dhamma School once in three years is Rupees Two Hundred Thousand.
- (4) A maximum provision of Rupees Two Hundred Thousand may be allocated to provide materials required for a festival that preserves and promotes traditional dances and other arts or one traditional dance troupe. Where provisions are to be made beyond the maximum provision limit, relevant allocations shall be made after obtaining the approval of the Provincial Planning Committee.
- (5) Arrangements to allocate provisions to provide relevant musical instruments for government registered art institutes under 20% beneficiary contribution up to a maximum of Rupees One Hundred Thousand on the recommendation of the Provincial Cultural Officer.
- (6) Implementation of Project proposal that help in the development and promotion of Cultural Centers owned by the Provincial Council.
- (7) Allocating a maximum of Rupees Four Hundred Thousand at the regional level to appraise person who have shown exceptional abilities in various fields of cultural and art and in order to implement provincial or district level programs exceeding the said maximum limit, the Chief Secretary shall approve the proposals in cases where he is satisfied with the recommendations of the Secretary of the Ministry in charge of the subject.
- (8) Planning programs by allocating a maximum of Rupees Two Hundred Thousand at the regional level for improvement of aesthetic appreciation skills and artistic abilities of the community. However, in cases where the Chief Secretary is satisfied on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Ministry in charge, the maximum allocation limit may be exceeding up to Rupees Five Hundred Thousand with the approval of the Chief Secretary.
- (9) Sponsorship may be given for preservation and promotion of traditional dances and other artistic activities, also, for holding Peraheras published by the Gazette under religious, cultural and arts affairs or held historically over a period of time. While selecting these, the recommendation of the provincial Cultural Officers should be obtained, and these projects should be implemented under the Provincial Ministry of Cultural Affairs or an appropriate authority.
- (10) Provisions up to a maximum of Rupees One Hundred Thousand may be allocated for the annual literary festivals organized by the Divisional Secretariats and held at divisional and district levels and matters incidental thereto.
- (11) Providing one-time financial assistance subject to a maximum of Rupees One Hundred Thousand for appreciating artists who are residents of Western Province and who had accomplished a special mission and who have become aged or faced total or partial disability or other such calamity.
- (12) The following criteria shall be followed in identifying and approving proposals under the subject of Health and Indigenous Medicine.
 - (1) Implementation of projects proposed for the construction or renovation of hospitals, offices of Medical Officer of Health, Central Dispensaries pharmaceutical stores,

quarters, clinical buildings, internal access roads, sewage system and other infrastructure related to the health sector.

- (2) Provisions of equipment and machinery necessary for the proper running of public health services in government health institutions.
 - (3) Implementation of training programs awareness programs and productivity programs to strengthen and improve the quality of disease prevention and curative services programs and conducting programs to improve the nutritional status and hygiene of pregnant women, children under 5 years of age and school children of low-income families.
 - (4) Introduction of necessary technology to strengthen disease prevention and curative services.
 - (5) Preservation and development of traditional medical practices.
 - (6) Taking measures to improve herbal gardens and medicinal drug production.
 - (7) Providing material or financial assistance up to a maximum of Rupees One Hundred Thousand including beneficiary contribution of 25% thereof per each low-income earning family to improve their sanitation facilities.
- (13) Following criteria shall be followed in identifying and approving proposals under the subject of Probation and Child Care Services.
- (1) Ensuring the daily needs and welfare of children under probation.
 - (2) Implementation of programs necessary for the development of knowledge and skills of children in the socialization of children under probation care.
 - (3) Taking necessary measures to prevent children getting under probation care.
 - (4) Construction or renovation of buildings and registered Children's Homes belonging to the Probation Department.
 - (5) Implementation of training programs and awareness programs required to improve the quality and efficiency of staff that should be made aware of the protection and care of orphaned, abandoned, helpless and abused children.
 - (6) Providing a government contribution of up to a maximum Rupees One Hundred Thousand to provide self-employment equipment to parents, guardians of children from low income earning families under a minimum beneficiary contribution of 20% in order prevent children from getting under institutional care and providing shelter within the family itself.
- (14) Following criteria should be followed in identifying and approving proposals under the subject of Electricity and Energy.
- (1) Extending and modernizing the electrical wiring system, transferring single-phase electricity into three-phase electricity, establishing electrical sub-stations and shifting electrical poles.
 - (2) Providing a maximum of Rupees Thirty-Five Thousand to provide electricity from the National Grid to low income-earning households, comprising school-attending

children and persons with special needs on the recommendation of the Divisional Secretary. These payments should be made only to the institutions that provide electricity connection.

- (3) Introduction of alternative energy sources, development and connection to the National Grid where necessary.
 - (4) Providing electricity to public service facilities and community halls located on government lands owned by local authorities or entrusted to local authorities.
- (15) Following criteria should be followed in identifying and approving proposals under the subject of Provincial Roads.
- (1) Construction of C and D type roads anew, development of existing roads and proper maintenance of roads.
 - (2) During road development, construction of drainage system on both sides of the road, reconstruction of culverts and small bridges to protect its sustainability during road development.
 - (3) Construction and development of provincial roads, small bridges, culverts and drainage systems.
 - (4) Installation of formal road signs as per the requirement on the recommendations of relevant institutions.
- (16) Following criteria should be followed in identifying and approving proposals under the subject of housing and construction.
- (1) Subject to a maximum of Rupees One Hundred Thousand and a minimum of Rupees Thirty Thousand, a sponsorship amount or material assistance can be provided to one beneficiary family for completion of remaining work or repair work of a home subsequent to getting the ownership of the land confirmed. In case of special Disaster situations (such as landslides, fires, cyclones, floods etc.) a maximum sum of Rupees Five Hundred Thousand may be obtained subject to the approval of the Chief Secretary under the special recommendation of the Divisional Secretary.
- In selecting the beneficiaries for the above entitlements, priority should be given to families that meet one or more of the following matters. These facts should be confirmed by a certificate obtained from the Grama Niladhari.
- (i) Being low income earning people with school attending children and disabled persons.
 - (ii) Destitution due to death of the breadwinner of the family.
 - (iii) Low income earning family headed by a woman.
- (17) The following criteria should be followed in identifying and approving proposals under the subject of Social Welfare.
- (1) Taking necessary measures for the welfare and spiritual development of persons deprived of social privileges due to sickness, old age, disability or orphan hood and senior citizens.

- (2) Welfare and death relief organizations which are important for social welfare such as elderly societies and elderly authority boards formally registered with the government can be given essential equipment only to up to a maximum of Rupees One Hundred Thousand.
 - (i) That equipment should be used for public welfare purposes and should be included in the inventory register of the relevant institution.
 - (ii) In obtaining above equipment, they should be duly delivered and documented on the recommendation of the concerned Divisional Secretary.
 - (3) Providing necessary equipment to elderly homes and rehabilitation homes of disabled persons.
 - (4) Conducting awareness programs to elderly and disadvantaged communities getting under institutional care and conducting general community awareness programs on issues faced by such elderly and disadvantaged community. Conducting spiritual development programs for elderly residents in Elder's Homes.
 - (5) Financial provisions may be allocated for self-employment equipment and training programs to prevent disadvantaged communities in the workforce from getting under institutional care. Such provision may be made on the recommendation of the Provincial Director of Social Services or a regional officer nominated by him/her.
 - (6) Implementation of training and awareness programs required to improve the quality and efficiency of staff that should be aware of the care and safety of senior citizens and disadvantaged communities in the Western Province.
 - (7) For the development of facilities for low-income earning disabled persons, matriarchal families and families with sick persons such as patients of (cancer, kidney diseases) in the houses they live in, a maximum of Rupees Two Hundred Thousand may be allocated on recommendation of the Provincial Social Service Officer and the Divisional Secretary of the relevant division.
 - (8) Providing special support equipment to make their daily life easier for people with special needs especially school attending children from low income earning families subject to a maximum of Rupees One Hundred Thousand and providing special educational equipment for children with special needs engaged in higher education activities. This equipment should be tailored to their specific needs. In providing such equipment, the doctor's recommendation and the approval of the Provincial Director of Social Services should be obtained.
 - (9) Allocating provisions subject to a maximum of Rupees Fifty Thousand to conduct self-employment training courses by the Western Provincial Social Services Department for the residents of residential institutions, for persons with special needs and elderly persons. (Raw materials, resource-person allowances, etc.)
- (18) Following criteria should be followed in identifying and approving proposals under the subject of Estate Infrastructure.
- (1) In order to improve the living standards of the people living in the estates, a sponsorship amount of up to Rupees Thirty-Five Thousand per beneficiary family can be given to obtain electricity connection for houses belonging to low-income

earning families with school children under the improvement of estate roads, water and electricity facilities. A certificate of income status should be obtained from the Grama Niladhari. This amount given obtain electricity to a house should be paid to the company that provides the electricity connection.

- (2) In providing benefits for housing development of people living in estates, provisions may not be allocated to make direct grants.
 - (3) Estate routes should be clearly identified by a proper method. In this case roads available to access estate settlements should only be developed.
- (19) Following criteria should be followed in identifying and approving proposals under the subject of Transport.
- (1) Construction and renovation of main bus yards other than bus station yards maintained by Sri Lanka Transport Board.
 - (2) Providing quality service to the general public through the construction of passenger shelters on both sides of the road.
 - (3) Preparation and implementation of programs to reduce accidents caused by passenger transport buses, three-wheelers, school children transport service buses and staff transport service vehicles within the province.
 - (4) Training drivers and conductors to provide better service to the community and implementation of drug prevention programs in the transportation sector.
- (20) Following criteria shall be followed in identifying business proposals under the Sports subject. Also, project proposals covering the following areas should be identified.
- (1) Development of Non-school government owned playgrounds, sports centers and related infrastructure of the province.
 - (2) In order to develop the skills of stakeholders involved in sports of the Western Province,
 - (i) Conducting sports educational programs
 - (ii) Formation of sports training squads and conduct of training programs
 - (iii) Conducting sports competitions according to various events at Provincial District, Divisional Secretariat and Grama Niladhari Division level.
 - (3) Conducting evaluation programs at regional, district and provincial levels to evaluate sportsmen and women who have shown exceptional abilities in the field of sports, sports officials and coaches who have contributed to it.
 - (4) On the recommendations of the Provincial Sports Director and a Sports Officer authorized by the Secretary of the Provincial Ministry in Charge,
 - (i) Provision of sports equipment subject to a maximum of one Rupees Lakh Fifty Thousand per annum for the promotion of registered sports clubs and non-private gymnasiums,

- (ii) Providing sports equipment, sports clothing and other materials required for sports subject to a maximum of Rupees Seventy-Five Thousand per year to encourage sportspersons who represent sports competitions at the provincial level or national level or have the potential for provincial or national level talent,
 - (iii) To meet the nutritional needs of low-income sportspersons in the province representing national level sports competitions, with the contribution of the private sector, providing nutritional assistance for a period of at least one year, subject to a maximum of Rupees Ten Thousand per month,
 - (iv) Provide financial assistance subject to a maximum of Rupees One Lakh to encourage provincial sportspersons who represent Sri Lanka and achieve success in international level competitions,
- (5) Implementation of projects required to improve the physical and mental health of the provincial people.
- (6) Organizing stakeholders in the field of sports at regional, district and provincial levels and conducting related programs.
- (21) In identifying and approving proposals under the subject of youth affairs, the following criteria should be followed :-
- (1) Conducting training programs for the development of professional skills of the youth community,
 - (2) Conducting programs to familiarize the youth community with modern technology,
 - (3) Conducting programs aimed at leadership, attitude and personality development in the youth community,
 - (4) When approving programs, approving them in the first two quarters of the year,
 - (5) Conducting programs for the youth community with the aim of drug prevention,
 - (6) Contribute to professional training aimed at local and foreign job markets,
- (22) In identifying and approving proposals under the subject of women's affairs, the following criteria should be followed :-
- (1) Provision of capital allocation subject to a maximum Government contribution of Rs. 100,000 for low-income earning women who are self-employed or intending to start self-employment on a minimum beneficiary contribution of 20%,
 - (2) To Identify oppressed women and proposing projects to improve their standard of living,
 - (3) Conducting personality development, leadership workshops to gain prominence in economic, social and political environments,
 - (4) Conducting women's counseling programs.

- (23) In identifying and approving proposals under the subject of cooperative development, the following criteria should be followed :-
- (1) Development of business locations and implementation of quality product sales promotion programs in a manner that attracts customers,
 - (2) In order to promote the skills of officials engaged in the cooperative sector, deviating from traditional training and programs and design training programs that are suitable for competition,
 - (3) Presenting suitable projects to invest finances of the co-operative finance sectors in rural sectors,
 - (4) Proposing programs to register school cooperative societies to impart subject knowledge on cooperatives to school children.
- (24) In identifying and approving proposals under the subject of water supplies and drainage, the following criteria should be followed :-
- (1) Provision of suitable water facilities to the community to provide drinking water facilities,
 - (2) Provision of water facilities under community water projects,
 - (3) Construction and development of public wells used for drinking as well as for other purposes,
 - (4) Provision of water facilities to suitable places as per requirement,
 - (5) Identifying the viability of water sources and testing water quality.
- (25) In identifying and approving proposals under the fisheries subject, the following criteria should be followed :-
- (1) To reduce the nutritional deficiencies of the rural people and to increase the production of fish, to provide fishing gear and equipment to those involved in the freshwater and small-scale saltwater fishing industry at a rate of 30% beneficiary contribution up to a maximum of Rupees One Hundred Thousand every three years,
 - (2) Submission of projects to promote the sale of fish,
 - (3) Designing facilities for storage and retention of surplus products,
 - (4) Making proposals for the promotion of ornamental fish industry,
 - (5) Making proposals for the expansion of agriculture in brackish water and lagoons,
 - (6) Promotion of value-added manufacturing industries related to fisheries,
 - (7) Conducting training programs and seminars for the fishing community,
 - (8) Submission of projects for the social welfare of fishing communities,
 - (9) Construction and development of Ministry buildings used for fisheries purposes.

(26) In identifying and approving proposals under the fisheries subject of rural development, the following criteria should be followed :-

- (1) Improvement of rural infrastructure including specifically identified small roads, foot bridges, small bridges and culverts, rural market facilities, community water projects within a local government area which are not private property,
- (2) Providing equipment subjected to a maximum of Rupees Two Hundred Thousand for Rural Development Societies which have been actively maintained for more than two years and currently lacking sufficient number of chairs and foldable tents (mobile tents) on the recommendation of Rural Development Officer who has been authorized by the Secretary to the Ministry in charge of the subject of Rural Development and formally registered in the Provincial Council,
- (3) By bringing together the voluntary Societies established at rural level and building up proper coordination among them, creating a network required for community development and taking actions to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes,
- (4) A maximum of Rupees Seventy Five Thousand can be provided for the provision of water and electricity facilities to village Development Society Halls. These investments should be made after receiving the formal confirmation regarding future monthly bill payments with a proper recommendation from the Rural Development Officers,
- (5) When money is allocated by the Ministry of Roads to rural-level Local Government roads under the subject of rural development, the relevant operational authorities should obtain the consent of the Local Government Institution prior to implementing the project,
- (6) When money is allocated by the Ministry of Roads to rural-level Local Government roads under the subject of rural development, the relevant operational authority should obtained the consent of the Local Government Institution prior implementing the project,
- (7) To provide necessary facilities to direct the products of trainees related to sewing centers, to the product market,
- (8) Introduction of new technology for sewing Industry and provision of equipment to the centers,
- (9) Provision of necessary training, technology and etc. to micro industries,
- (10) Provide opportunity for training requirements of the Rural Development Officers,
- (11) To increase the nutrition levels of the low-income earning members' families of Rural Development Societies and to conduct drug prevention programs through the intervention of the membership of the Rural Development Societies.

(27) In identifying and approving the proposals under tourism promotion the following criteria should be followed.

- (1) Improving the infrastructure facilities of the places of tourist attraction in the province,
- (2) Carrying out promotional activities related to places of tourist attractions and tourism industry,

- (3) Promotion of jobs related to tourism sector,
 - (4) Conduct training programs in order to provide quality services related to the tourism sector,
 - (5) Implementation of programs to coincide the celebration of International Tourism Day,
 - (6) Conduct programs to improve the quality of the products produced targeting the tourists and sales promotion of such products,
 - (7) Promotion of eco-tourism industry and related infrastructure development,
 - (8) Provision of infrastructure required for sustainable community based development project,
 - (9) In granting provisions for projects implemented on State lands that do not belong to the provincial council, the consent must be obtained from the relevant institution that owns the land.
- (28) In identifying and approving proposals under the subject of Animal Production, the following criteria should be followed :-
- (1) To maintain a healthy animal population to supply meat, milk and eggs to the people,
 - (2) Presenting project proposals for the use of technical methods of raise high quality animals and increase production and popularize them among farmers,
 - (3) Implementation of project proposals required to increase the income levels of the farmers engaged in animal husbandry,
 - (4) When providing inputs or animals with regards to this subject as direct, according to the recommendation of a technical committee, planning to give a maximum of Rupees Fifty Thousand under a beneficiary-contribution of 30%, and in addition, maximum contribution of the government when giving direct grants can be provided under the following points :
 - (i) Financial assistance or material assistance can be provided to a value of Rupees One Hundred Fifty Thousand as the maximum Government contribution with a minimum of 30% of beneficiary contribution to construct a cow shed which is capable of housing three cows,
 - (ii) Financial assistance or material assistance can be provided to a value of Rupees Two Hundred Thousand as the maximum government contribution with a minimum of 30% of beneficiary contribution to construct a cow shed which is capable of housing five cows,
 - (iii) Financial assistance may be provided for the purchase of a cow or she-buffalo with a minimum beneficiary-contribution of 30% and under a maximum Government contribution of Rupees One Hundred Fifty Thousand, or else animals,
 - (5) Presentation of project proposals for promotion of value added products,

- (6) Under the criteria of maintaining livestock farm with minimum environmental pollution and planning methods for waste disposal, a maximum of Rupees One Hundred Forty Thousand can be provided under Government contribution of 70% and beneficiary contribution of 30% as direct grants for an eight cubic meter biogas unit,
 - (7) Establishment of milk collection centers, sales centers and storage facilities,
 - (8) Conducting training and capacity development programs for farmers and officers in the field of animal husbandry,
 - (9) Implementation of programs related to commencement and maintenance of small and medium scale private livestock farms,
 - (10) Construction, development and renovation of buildings related to livestock production activities,
 - (11) Implementation of programs for prevention and control of farm animals' diseases in the Western Province,
 - (12) Implementation of animal feed production.
- (29) Rules related a preparation and implementation of development plans relevant to the Western Provincial Council Fund date 24th of August 2020 included in the *Extraordinary Gazette* paper No. 2190/25 dated 25th August 2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and, will be repealed hereby with effect from the date these rules shall come into force.

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