

SECOND SESSION

1958 - 1959

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution)(Temporary Provisions) Orders in Council, 1953 and 1956, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

on

FRIDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 1959.

PRESENT:

Hon. Financial Secretary, Mr. F.W. Essex - Chairman.
 Hon. Minister of Trade and Industry - Dr. C.B. Jagan.
 Hon. Minister of Community Development and Education - Mr. B.H. Benn.
 Hon. Minister of Labour, Health and Housing - Mrs. Janet Jagan.
 Hon. Minister of Communications and Works - Mr. Ram Karran.
 Mr. F. Bowman
 Mr. S.M. Saffee
 Mr. Ajodha Singh
 Mr. L.F.S. Burnham
 Mr. S. Campbell
 Mr. A.L. Jackson
 Mr. Jai Marine Singh
 Mr. R.C. Tello
 Mr. R.E. Davis
 Mr. A.M. Fredericks
 Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard

with Mr. E.V. Tiapree, Assistant Clerk of the Legislature,
 Clerk to the Committee,
 and Mr. G.W. Williams, Assistant Secretary (Ag.), Finance Secretariat.

Absent:

Hon. Minister of Natural Resources - Mr. E.B. Beharry - on leave.
 Mr. B.S. Rai
 Mr. W.O.R. Kendall
 Mr. R.B. Gajraj
 Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

AGENDA.

1. Consideration of the Draft Estimates (Recurrent and Development) for 1959.

The Honourable A.M.I. Austin, Attorney-General, was present during consideration of HEAD 24 - LAW OFFICERS.

The Honourable M.S. Porcher, Chief Secretary (Ag.), was present during consideration of HEAD 26 - MAGISTRATES and HEAD 50 - VOLUNTEER FORCE.

Mr. R.S. Persaud, Registrar, was present during consideration of HEAD 26 - MAGISTRATES.

Mr. F.G. Taharally, Deputy Commissioner of Labour and Mr. E.S. Drayton, Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Ministry of Labour, Health and Housing, were present during consideration of HEAD 21 - LABOUR.

Dr. L.A.P. Slinger, O.F.E., Director of Medical Services, was present during consideration of HEAD 27 - MEDICAL, HEAD 27A - MEDICAL - BACTERIOLOGICAL, HEAD 27B - MEDICAL - X-RAY, HEAD 27C - MEDICAL - HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES and HEAD VIII - HEALTH (DEVELOPMENT).

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
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24 - <u>LAW OFFICERS</u> - passed as printed	\$ 92,588
26 - <u>MAGISTRATES</u> - passed as printed	412,159
50 - <u>VOLUNTEER FORCE</u> - passed as printed	106,232

21 - LABOUR

Personal Emoluments
Fixed Establishment

(3) - 6 Inspectors of Labour (A4)\$31,300.

Following a discussion regarding the post of Inspectors of Labour, Mr. Jackson moved and Mr. Tello seconded that a new post of Senior Inspector of Labour be inserted in substitution for the increase (as indicated in the printed Draft Estimates), of one Inspector of Labour.

The question was put and the Committee divided and voted thereon as follows:-

FOR

Mr. Davis
Mr. Tello
Mr. Jai Narine Singh
Mr. Jackson
Mr. Burnham

AGAINST

Mr. Hubbard
Mr. Fredericks
Mr. Campbell
Mr. Ajodia Singh
Mr. Saffee
Mr. Bowman
Mr. Ram Karran
Mrs. Jagan
Mr. Benn
Dr. Jagan

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Motion negatived.

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE SERVICE

Personal Emoluments
Fixed Establishment.....\$26,132

The Minister of Labour, Health and Housing informed Members that certain statistics at present kept mainly for administrative purposes could be entirely dispensed with and that others which were prepared monthly could be submitted quarterly instead.

As the services of an Office Assistant and Temporary Clerical Assistant (at present engaged wholly on the preparation and production of Statistics) would no longer be necessary, the Minister requested, and the Committee agreed, that the establishment be decreased as follows, though the establishment shown in the Draft Estimates would have to be retained until the officers affected were transferred to other posts:-

Subhead 8 - item (2) Clerical Establishment: from 5 to 4

Subhead 8 - item (3) Office Assistants: from 6 to 5

The 1959 provision against:-

- (a) item (2) Clerical Establishment, was accordingly reduced by \$1,000:- i.e., from \$8,377 to \$7,377:
- and (b) item (3) Office Assistants reduced by \$1,200:- i.e., from \$9,322:- to \$8,122:-

The total, Personal Emoluments (Employment Exchange), was reduced by \$2,200:- and passed at \$26,274:-

OTHER CHARGES.

Subhead 9. Transport and travelling\$1,800:-

At the request of the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing, the above subhead was reduced by \$600:-, i.e., from \$1,800 to \$1,200:-

Total Other Charges. was accordingly reduced by \$600:- and passed at \$2,100:-

The total of HEAD 21 - LABOUR, was reduced by \$2,800:- and passed at \$172,811:-

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>Amount</u>
21 - <u>MEDICAL</u> - passed as printed	\$1,263,866
27A - <u>MEDICAL - BACTERIOLOGICAL</u> - passed as printed	175,211
27B - <u>MEDICAL - X-RAY</u> - passed as printed	92,940
27C - <u>MEDICAL - HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES</u> - passed as printed	4,332,312
VIII - <u>HEALTH (DEVELOPMENT)</u> - passed as printed	543,620

Adjournment

At 4.55 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the Meeting to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 20th of January, 1959.

Confirmed this day of , 1959.

Chairman,
Finance Committee.

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature,
Clerk to the Committee.