

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

WEDNESDAY, 21ST 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 Natural Resources - Mr. E.B. Beharry.  
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. W.O.R. Kendall  
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham  
Mr. S. Campbell  
Mr. A.L. Jackson  
Mr. R.C. Tello  
Mr. R.E. Davis  
Mr. A.M. Fredericks  
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard.

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

Absent:

Mr. B.S. Rai  
Mr. Jai Narine Singh  
Mr. R.B. Gajraj  
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

AGENDA.

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

Mr. A.R. Adamson, Director of Public Works (Ag.), was present during consideration of HEAD 45 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, HEAD 45A - PUBLIC WORKS AND SEA DEFENCES - ANNUALLY RECURRENT, HEAD 53 - PUBLIC WORKS NON-RECURRENT and HEAD XIII - PUBLIC WORKS (DEVELOPMENT).

Mr. L. Sykes, General Manager (Ag.), Transport and Harbours Department was present during consideration of HEAD 49 - TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS and HEAD XIV - TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS (DEVELOPMENT).

Mr. P.A. Forte, Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Ministry of Communications and Works, was present during consideration of the abovementioned Heads.

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>Amount</u> \$.
<u>45 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</u> - passed as printed -	\$1,151,908
<u>45A - PUBLIC WORKS AND SEA DEFENCES - ANNUALLY RECURRENT</u> - passed as printed	- 3,394,450
<u>XIII - PUBLIC WORKS - (DEVELOPMENT)</u> - passed as printed	- 4,733,144

Thereafter, the Committee considered and approved of the details of HEAD 53 - PUBLIC WORKS - NON-RECURRENT, (which were circulated to Members) in the total sum of \$585,000:- as follows:-

PART A - Works provided for in previous years - Revotes	.....\$219,704
PART B - New Works	.....\$365,296
Total	<u>\$585,000</u>

HEAD 49 - TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS.

V - SWEEPER SERVICES.

Marine Branch  
Steamers, Launches, etc.

The Committee considered Appendix A to the Transport and Harbours Estimates and at the request of the Minister of Communications and Works recommended:-

- (i) the insertion of a new item, viz. 17 - Replacement of one (1) Steel Pontoon .....\$45,000:-; and
- (ii) the reduction by \$17,000 (i.e., from \$275,000 to \$258,000) on item (6), Maintenance and Repairs.

Items (17) to (46) of the printed Draft Estimates were re-numbered as items (18) to (47).

HEAD 49 - TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS was accordingly increased by \$28,000:- and passed at \$1,885,762:-

HEAD XIV - TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS (DEVELOPMENT) - passed as printed - \$2,158,998

Adjournment

At 5.00 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the Meeting to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 22nd of January, 1959.

Confirmed this            day of            , 1959.

Chairman,  
Finance Committee.

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature,  
Clerk to the Committee.