

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER**  
**FOR THE 32<sup>nd</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION**  
**(1998-1999) OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**  
**AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**ON THURSDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> JULY, 1999**  
**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS FOR SITTING**

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-**

**Presentation and First Reading**

- (4) **GUYANA LANDS AND SURVEYS COMMISSION BILL 1999 -**  
**Bill No. 14/1999**

The Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of the Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission, to provide for its functions and for other purposes connected therewith.

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F.A. NARAIN  
Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
1<sup>st</sup> July, 1999

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
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**MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (77)**

**Speaker (1)**

The Hon. Derek C. Jagan, C.C.H., S.C., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

**Members of the Government - People's Progressive Party/Civic (47)**

The Hon. Samuel A. A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister

The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., J.P., M.P., Minister of Agriculture and  
Parliamentary Affairs

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo, M.P., Minister of Finance

\*The Hon. Charles R. Ramson, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

\*The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth D.A. Bisnauth, M.P., Minister of Education

The Hon. M. Shree Chan, M.P., Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry

\*The Hon. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P., Minister of Human Services and Social Security (Absent)

\*The Hon. Clinton C. Collymore, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Local Government

\*The Hon. F. Vibert DeSouza, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs

\*The Hon. George E. Fung-On, M.P., Minister of the Public Service

\*The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Minister of Health and Labour

The Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo, J.P., M.P., Minister of Information

The Hon. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P., Minister of Local Government

\*The Hon. Satyadeow Sawh, M.P., Minister of Livestock and Fisheries

The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports

\*The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics (Absent)

\*The Hon. Shaik K. Z. Baksh, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water (Absent)

\*The Hon. J. Ronald Gajraj, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

**\*Non elected Minister**

Mr. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P., Chief Whip

Mr. Cyril C. Belgrave, M.P.

Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Fazil M. Ali, M.P.

Mr. Husman Alli, M.P.

Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.

Mr. Navindranauth O. Chandarpal, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P.

Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., M.P.

Dr. Hughley H. Hanoman, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Alston A. Kissoon, M.P. (Absent)

Dr. Moti Lall, C.C.H., M.P.

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Hari Narayen Ramkarran, S.C., M.P.

Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P.

Mr. Lawrence E. Rodney, M.P.

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.,  
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Local Government

Mrs. Pauline R. Sukhai, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Winslow M. Zephyr, M.P.

Dr. Bheri Ramsaran, M.P.

Mr. Joseph M. DeSouza, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

Mr. Heeralall Mohan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam) (Absent)

Mr. Ramratan, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Mr. Geoffrey A. Fraser, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice) (Absent)

Mr. Ramsundar Sankat, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)(Absent - on leave)

Mr. Eustace S. Rodrigues, M.S., M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs) (Absent)

Mr. Kumkaran Ramdas, M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs)

**Members of the Minority (29)****(i) People's National Congress (25)**

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, S.C., M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P., Chief Whip (Absent)

Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Kadim A. Khan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Miss Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P.

Mrs. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.

Mr. Andy Goveia, M.P. (Absent)

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Mr. John S. DeFreitas, M.P.

Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Dr. Dalglish Joseph, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Joseph L. Hamilton, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Sherwood A. J. Lowe, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Andrew Hicks, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Neaz Subhan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Colin Bynoe, M.P.

Ms Sandra M. Adams, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Mr. Kelley Andres, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni) (Absent)

Mr. Thakechand Ramnauth, M.P.

Mr. Aubrey C. Norton, M.P. (Absent)

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(ii) **The United Force (2)**

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Matthew R. Charlie, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent)

(iii) **Alliance for Guyana (2)**

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine, M.P.

Mr. Albertino Peters, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)

**OFFICERS**

Mr. Frank A. Narain, C.C.H., Clerk of the National Assembly

Mr. Sherlock E. Isaacs, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

**COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING**

The Sitting commenced at 2.00 p.m.

**PRAYERS**

The Clerk read Prayers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER**

**Leave**

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to the following Members:-

Mr. Ramsundar Sankat,

Mr. Desmond Hoyte,

Mr. Winston Murray,

Mr. Lance Carberry,

Dr. Faith Harding,

Mr. Kadim Khan,

Dr. Dagleish Joseph,

Mrs. Volda Lawrence and

Mr. Neaz Subhan for that day's sitting, and

Mr. Raphael Trotman up to 28<sup>th</sup> July, 1999.

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-**

(1) By the Prime Minister:

Annual Report of the Office of the President  
for the year 1998.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

(i) Protocol III - Industrial Policy - Amending the  
Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community.

(Circulated)

(ii) Protocol V - Agricultural Policy - Amending the  
Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community.

(Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Health and Labour:

(i) Annual Report of the Ministry of Health for  
the year 1996.

(Circulated)

(ii) Georgetown Public Hospital Order 1999  
(No. 3 of 1999), made under sections  
3, 4 and 5 of the Public Corporations  
Act 1988 (No. 21 of 1988) on  
9<sup>th</sup> March, 1999, and published in the  
Gazette on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1999.

(Circulated)

(4) By the Minister of Local Government:

- (i) The following By-Laws which were made under sections 303 and 304 read with section 321 of the Municipal and District Councils Act, Chapter 28:01, by the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Georgetown, on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 1996, and approved by the Minister of Local Government on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1999:-

Drainage of Lots (Amendment) By-Laws 1999

Marking and Fencing of Lots (Amendment) By-Laws 1999

Georgetown (Abattoir) (Amendment) By-Laws 1999

Georgetown Building (Amendment) By-Laws 1999

Tenement Rooms (Amendment) By-Laws 1999

Mode of Trade in the Sale of Provisions for the Food of Man (Amendment) By-Laws 1999

Sale of Milk (Amendment) By-Laws 1999

Posting Bills (Amendment) By-Laws 1999

Georgetown (Le Repentir Cemetery Vehicular Traffic Control) (Amendment) By-Laws 1999

Bakeries and Provision Shops (Amendment) By-Laws 1999

City Government (Control of Stray Dogs) (Amendment) By-Laws 1999

Mosquito Prevention (Screening of Vats) (Amendment) By-Laws 1999

Cleansing of Tanks (Amendment) By-Laws 1999

City Government (Control of Noises) (Amendment) By-Laws 1999

Offensive Matter Removal (Amendment) By-Laws 1999

City Government (Amendment) By-Laws 1999

City (Markets) (Amendment) By-Laws 1999

City of Georgetown (Collection and Disposal of Waste) (Amendment) By-Laws 1999

(Circulated)

- (ii) The following Regulations which were made under section 306 of the Municipal and District Councils Act, Chapter 28:01, by the Minister of Local Government on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1999:-

Keeping of Animals (Georgetown) (Amendment) Regulations 1999

Georgetown Building Construction (Public Health Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 1999

Offensive Trades (Amendment) Regulations 1999

(Circulated)

**QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -****No. 40 - TRAINING OF AMERINDIANS IN MINING AND FORESTRY****Question by Miss Jean Persico:**

- (i) Will the Minister say whether or not the Government has instituted any specific training programme for Amerindians in the fields of mining and forestry?
- (ii) If it did -
  - (a) at what institution was this done?
  - (b) how many Amerindians were involved?
  - (c) when were the programmes done?

(Notice Paper No. 57 (Q37 Opp 37) published 4.3.99)

**Reply submitted by the Minister of Amerindian Affairs:**

- (i) The Guyana Forestry Commission offers five scholarships each year for Amerindian students for the Certificate Level Training in Forestry. Scholarships are made available through the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs. This is being done at the Guyana School of Agriculture, which was started in September 1998 and is continuing.

The Guyana Forestry Commission is actively working to increase the number of Amerindian staff. The Ministry of Amerindian Affairs is assisting to identify persons interested in a career with the Guyana Forestry Commission.

Currently there are 23 staff members at the Guyana Forestry Commission who are Amerindian. Most were recruited because of their traditional knowledge of the forests, particularly tree identification skills. Amerindian communities will be together in a programme of extensive training in forestry to be coordinated by the Guyana Forestry Commission.

- (ii) In Mining, the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission [GGMC] will train Amerindians in areas where mining is being done. At least two representatives from each community will be selected.



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The training will commence in the second half of 1999 and this will involve both in the field and in the office. [Practical and theoretical training].

The Guyana Geology and Mines Commission had no programme or formal training of Amerindians.

## **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-**

### **Presentation and First Reading**

(1) **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION BILL 1999 - Bill No. 12/1999**

The Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the establishment, functions and procedure of the Public Utilities Commission and for matters connected therewith.

(2) **ELECTRICITY SECTOR REFORM BILL 1999 - Bill No. 13/1999**

The Prime Minister, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the regular, efficient, coordinated and economical supply of electricity and for matters incidental thereto or connected therewith.

(3) **CARIBBEAN INVESTMENT FUND BILL 1999 - Bill No. 11/1999**

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to give effect to the Agreement establishing the Caribbean Investment Fund and to provide for matters connected therewith.

(4) **GUYANA LANDS AND SURVEYS COMMISSION BILL 1999 -**  
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The Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

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**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**BILL - Second Reading - Deferred**

**ITEM 1 - FACTORIES HOURS AND HOLIDAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1999 - Bill**  
**No. 9/1999 published 17.4.99**

At the request of the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, the second reading of the following Bill was deferred:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the  
Factories Hours and Holidays Act.  
(Read a first time on 22.4.99)

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 2.07 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

  
**D. C. JAGAN**  
Speaker of the National Assembly

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,**  
**Public Buildings,**  
**Georgetown.**

**1<sup>st</sup> July, 1999.**