

THIRD SESSION

1971 - 1972

ORDER PAPER

48TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 1972

AT 2.00 P.M.

PRAYERS -

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER -

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PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTION NO. 21

Mr. Chandisingh to ask the Minister of Communications the following question:

- (i) Is the Minister aware of the congested and horrible conditions experienced by passengers using the North-West Steamer service?
- (ii) What steps does the Government intend to take to relieve the situation and bring much needed improvement to the service?

(Notice Paper No. 54 published 5th October, 1971)

QUESTION NO. 22

Mr. Teekah to ask the Minister of Education the following question:

- (i) Is the Minister aware that the Tain Government Primary School, which was built in 1959 to accommodate 750 pupils, has an enrolment now of 1,150 and that there is a waiting list for about 200 pupils?
- (ii) Is the Minister aware that many of the pupils are forced to use the Home Economics and Handicraft Centres, with a consequential adverse effect on these studies at the Centres?

- (iii) Is the Minister aware that the school has raised an amount in the vicinity of \$1,300 by raffle and donations for the purpose of constructing an extension to accommodate more pupils, but that this amount is quite inadequate?
- (iv) Will the Minister say whether there are any plans for extending the present school or to build a new school at the neighbouring village of Jones? If so, how early will this be done?
- (Notice Paper No. 62 published 26th November, 1971)

QUESTION NO. 23

Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud to ask the Minister of Education the following question:

- (i) Is the Minister aware of the tremendous strain and inconvenience being suffered by pupils of the Meten-Meer-Zorg Government School since the destruction of the school building by fire nearly two years ago?
- (ii) Is the Minister aware that several classes have been shifted from the Meten-Meer-Zorg Community centre to the bottom flat of the defunct Saraswat School (a private building) causing the children to walk a distance of over two miles for tuition?
- (iii) Will the Minister state what steps, if any, are being taken to rebuild the Meten-Meer-Zorg Government School to enable the children of this heavily populated area to receive their education in a better atmosphere and with less inconvenience?

(Notice Paper No. 63 published 26th November, 1971)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS -

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

1. MAHAICA-MAHAICONY-ABARY DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION SCHEME

Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

WHEREAS every year farmers on the East Coast, Demerara and the West Coast, Berbice, have suffered heavy losses in crops, cattle and poultry, through flooding;

AND WHEREAS in 1968; when the Conservancy Dam at Cane Grove was breached, catastrophic Flooding took place, from which farmers have not yet recovered;

AND WHEREAS in the current season of heavy rainfall, extensive flooding from Cane Grove, Mahaica to the Mahaicony Rivers extending to Abary, West Coast, Berbice, has again resulted in tremendous losses to farmers;

AND WHEREAS there are many occasions when inadequate rainfall also causes heavy losses to farmers;

AND WHEREAS many years ago, Guyanese engineers completed the plans for the implementation of the Mahaica-Mahaicony-Abary (MMA) Drainage and Irrigation Scheme:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls on the Government to take steps to implement the Mahaica-Mahaicony-Abary Drainage and Irrigation Scheme.

(Notice Paper No. 38 published 24th July, 1971)

BILLS - Second Reading

2. PRIVATE HOSPITALS BILL 1971 - Bill No. 15/1971 published 14.7.71

The Minister of Health to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE LICENSING OF PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

(Read a first time on 12th August, 1971)

\* 3. ADAPTATION OF LAWS BILL 1972 - Bill No. 1/1972 published 19.1.72

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO EFFECT ADAPTATIONS TO CERTAIN LAWS.

(Read a first time on 12th January, 1972)

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(1) By the Speaker:

Report concerning the wearing of shirt jacs with short sleeves at sittings of the National Assembly, together with the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Assembly Committee held on 12th and 13th January, 1972.

(PARL: 5/10 III)(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Finance:

(i) Statement of Guarantees given by the Minister of Finance under section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Public Corporations and Companies) Act, 1971 (No. 16), for the quarter ended 31st December, 1971, and Statement of Account for the financial year ended 31st December, 1971.

(G. 692)(Circulated)

(ii) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Allowances) Order, 1972 (No. 4), made under section 8 of the Ministers, Members of the House of Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Ordinance, 1965, on the 12th of January, 1972, and published in the Gazette on the 15th of January, 1972.

(G. 655/1)(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

QUESTION NO. 24

Mr. Lall to ask the Minister of Labour and Social Security the following question:

Will the Minister say what was the cash balance on hand at 31st December, 1970, of the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund?

(Notice Paper No. 52 published 5th October, 1971)

QUESTION NO. 25

Mr. Lall to ask the Minister of Labour and Social Security the following question:

- (i) Is the Minister aware of the poor services as regards water supply, roads and sanitation that are furnished by the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund Committee to sugar workers who live in the extra nuclear housing areas?
- (ii) If so, will the Minister indicate what steps are being taken to remedy the situation?

(Notice Paper No. 53 published 5th October, 1971)

QUESTION NO. 26

Mr. Lall to ask the Minister of Labour and Social Security the following question:

Will the Minister say when the Ramsaroop Watchmen's Advisory Committee Report will be made public?

(Notice Paper No. 61 published 26th November, 1971)

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTION

The Leader of the Opposition to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly recommends that the Government should reconsider its decision on the use of the Indian Immigration Fund and in the interest of national accord and unity resume discussions with the Immigration Fund Committee with a view to arriving at a satisfactory solution.

(Notice Paper No. 70 published 18th January, 1972)

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