

FIRST PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1967 - 1968

ORDER PAPER

42ND SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1968

AT 2.00 P.M.

PRAYERS -

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER -

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

(1) By the Minister of Finance:

Customs Duties (Amendment) Order, 1968 (No. 9), made under section 8 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, on the 9th of February, 1968, and published in the Gazette on the 17th of February, 1968.

(G. 551<sup>(30)</sup>C)(Circulated).

(2) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

National Registration (Residents)(Amendment) Regulations, 1968 (No. 2), made under section 19 of the National Registration Act, 1967 (No. 24), and published in the Gazette on the 17th of February, 1968.

(HA: C. 30/7)(Circulated).

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTION NO. 10

Mr. Khan to ask the Minister of Finance the following question:

Question: will the Minister say when and where will the Rice Conferences between Guyana and Trinidad, Guyana and Jamaica, and Guyana and Barbados and the Little Eight take place?

QUESTION NO. 11

Mr. Khan to ask the Minister of Finance the following question:

- Question:
- (i) Will the Minister say what amount of rice (bulk and packaged) Guyana is under contract to sell to -
    - (a) Jamaica,
    - (b) Barbados,
    - (c) Antigua, and
    - (d) Trinidad and Tobago?
  - (ii) Will the Minister say what quality of rice (bulk and packaged) was supplied during 1965, 1966 and 1967 (up to August 31) to -
    - (a) Jamaica,
    - (b) Barbados,
    - (c) Antigua, and
    - (d) Trinidad and Tobago?

QUESTION NO. 12

Mr. Khan to ask the Minister of Finance the following question:

- Question:
- (i) Will the Minister say whether the Government will renew the contract with Connell Rice and Sugar Company?
  - (ii) Will the Minister say how much money was paid to Connell Rice and Sugar Company during 1965, 1966 and 1967 (up to August 31) by -
    - (a) the Government, and
    - (b) the Guyana Rice Marketing Board?

QUESTION NO. 13

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

- Question: Will the Minister state whether the Government will establish a full-time Post Office at ~~Matthew's~~ Ridge?

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS -PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS -REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE -MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER -INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

By the Minister of Finance:

DEVELOPMENT TAX BILL, 1968.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONS

1. The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirm Customs Duties (Amendment) Order, 1968 (No. 9), which was made on the 9th of February, 1968, and published in the Gazette on the 17th of February, 1968.

(Notice was published on 9th March, 1968).

2. The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Guyana Telecommunication Corporation has been established with effect from 1st March, 1967 under the Guyana Telecommunication Corporation Order, 1967 No. 11);

AND WHEREAS in its functions the Corporation is required:

to provide and operate good and sufficient internal and external telecommunication services on such terms as the Corporation may deem expedient in terms of relevant legislation; and to promote the economic development of the telecommunication services in accordance with, and as far as is practicable, standard practice recognised internationally and public demand;

AND WHEREAS to carry out its functions the Corporation would expand substantially incurring thereby substantial capital expenditure;

AND WHEREAS the substantial expansion of the telecommunication service is regarded as developmental and beneficial to the economy of the country;

AND WHEREAS it is provided under section 43 of the Public Corporations Ordinance, 1962 (No. 23) that:

"Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to exempt a corporation from liability for any tax, duty, rate, levy or other charge whatsoever:

Provided that the Council of Ministers may provide such an exemption by order approved by a resolution of the Legislative Assembly." ;

AND WHEREAS Cabinet has provided, by the Guyana Telecommunication Corporation (Exemption of Import Duty) Order, 1968, such an exemption;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in terms of the proviso to section 43 of the Public Corporations Ordinance, 1962, approve of the Guyana Telecommunication Corporation (Exemption of Import Duty) Order, 1968, which was made on 14th February, 1968 and published in the Official Gazette of 17th February, 1968.

(Notice was published on 9th March, 1968).

# 3. The Minister of Education to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approve of the proposals set out in the Memorandum by the Minister of Education on Education Policy, which was laid in the National Assembly on the 16th of January, 1968, as Sessional Paper No. 1/1968.

(Notice was published on 18th January, 1968).

# 4. The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the General Electric Company Limited and Telephone Cables Limited have agreed to enter into a contract with the Guyana Telecommunication Corporation for the supply and installation of equipment and telephone cable networks estimated to cost \$17,227,200.00;

AND WHEREAS the Midland Bank has agreed to enter into a financial agreement with the Corporation to assist the financing of the contract to the extent of 80% of the value of United Kingdom goods and services, estimated at \$12,585,600.00 by purchasing promissory notes, bearing interest at  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$  effected by the Corporation;

AND WHEREAS it is required that all payments due under the abovementioned contract and the abovementioned agreement should be guaranteed by the Cabinet, in accordance with section 20(1) of the Public Corporations Ordinance, 1962 (No. 23) which guarantee requires the approval of the National Assembly:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly approve that the Cabinet guarantee payments to be made by the Corporation under the abovementioned contract and the abovementioned financial agreement.

(Notice was published on 10th November, 1967).

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# Not to be proceeded with at this sitting.

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PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

(1) By the Minister of Finance:

Guyana Telecommunication Corporation (Exemption of Import Duty) Order, 1968 (No. 8), made under section 43 of the Public Corporations Ordinance, 1962 (No. 23), on the 14th of February, 1968, and published in the Gazette on the 17th of February, 1968.

(G.500<sup>(1)</sup>)(Circulated).

(2) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

Annual Report on the Treatment of Offenders (Probation, Essequibo Boys' School and Prisons) for the year 1964.

(PROB: 22/3/1)(Circulated).

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

\* 1. The Prime Minister to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly express its horror at the recent executions of three persons in Rhodesia, and condemn this action by the Smith regime, and request the British Government to take firm action to bring the regime to an end.

(Notice was published on 14th March, 1968).

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\* The Prime Minister proposes to seek a suspension of Standing Order No. 23(1) to enable him to move this motion at this sitting.