

THIRD SESSION

1959 - 1960

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 3.00 P.M.

on

FRIDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 1960.

PRESENT:

Hon. Minister of Natural Resources, Mr. B.H. Benn - Chairman (Ag.).
 Mr. S.M. Saffee
 Mr. W.O.R. Kendall
 Mr. S. Campbell
 Mr. A.I. Jackson
 Mr. Jai Narine Singh
 Mr. R.B. Gajraj
 Mr. R.C. Tello
 Mr. R.E. Davis
 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:

Hon. Financial Secretary (Acting), Mr. W.P. D'Andrade - out of the Colony on official business.
 Hon. Minister of Trade and Industry, Dr. C.B. Jagan - ditto.
 Hon. Minister of Labour, Health and Housing, Mrs. Janet Jagan - excused.
 Hon. Minister of Communications and Works, Mr. Ram Karran -
 Hon. Minister of Community Development and Education, Mr. B.S. Rai.
 Mr. Ajodha Singh
 Mr. L.F.S. Burnham
 Mr. E.B. Beharry
 Mr. F. Bowman
 Mr. A.M. Fredericks - excused.
 Mr. A.M. Tasker, O.B.E. - excused.

Hon. Minister of Natural Resources, (Mr. B.H. Benn) nominated Acting Chairman.

The Honourable Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. B.H. Benn), informed Members that the Honourable Financial Secretary (Ag.), Mr. W.P. D'Andrade, had, in accordance with Standing Order No. 41(1)(a), nominated him to act as Chairman of the Finance Committee during the period of his absence from the Colony commencing 2nd August, 1960.

Mr. R.B. Gajraj on behalf of the Members present, congratulated Mr. Benn on his nomination to act as Chairman.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on Friday, the 27th of May, 1960, were confirmed.

2. Schedule of Additional Provision on the Recurrent Estimates - June July, 1960.

Committee considered and approved of the Schedule of Additional Provision on the Recurrent Estimates for June/July, 1960, in the sum of \$180,649:-

3. Schedule of Additional Provision on the Development Estimates - June July 1960.

Committee considered and approved of the Schedule of Additional Provision on the Development Estimates for June/July, 1960, in the sum of \$271,744:-

4. Bartica-Potaro Road - Application for Colonial Development and Welfare Assistance.

Committee considered F.C. Memorandum No. 20/1960 and approved of the action taken in transmitting to the Secretary of State an application for a further grant of \$486,000:- to meet 90% of the estimated cost of \$540,000:- to continue the programme of improvements to the Bartica-Potaro Road.

10% (\$54,000:-) would be met from local funds.

5. Parika-Bartica Road - Application for Colonial Development and Welfare Assistance.

Committee considered F.C. Memorandum No. 21/1960 and approved of the action taken in transmitting to the Secretary of State an application for a further grant of \$324,000:- to meet 90% of the estimated cost of \$360,000:- of the work to be carried out on the Parika-Bartica Road for the year beginning 1st April, 1960.

10% (\$36,000:-) would be met from local funds.

6. Potaro-Lethem Road - Application for Colonial Development and Welfare Assistance.

Committee considered F.C. Memorandum No. 22/1960 and approved of the action taken in transmitting to the Secretary of State an application for a grant of \$360,000:- to meet 90% of the estimated cost of \$400,000:- of the location survey and design of the proposed Potaro-Lethem Road from 1st April, 1960.

10% (\$40,000:-) would be met from local funds.

7. Kumaka-Kwebana Land Development Scheme - Application for Colonial Development and Welfare Assistance.

Committee considered F.C. Memorandum No. 23/1960 and approved of the action taken in transmitting to the Secretary of State an application for a grant of \$135,000:- to meet 90% of the cost of \$150,000:- of the Kumaka-Kwebana Land Development Scheme.

10% (\$15,000:-) would be met from local funds.

Welfare Assistance.

Committee considered F.C. Memorandum No. 24/1960 and approved of the action taken in transmitting to the Secretary of State an application for a grant of \$198,903:- to meet 90% of the cost of \$221,000:- for Amerindian Development during the two year period, 1st April, 1960 to 31st March, 1962.

10% (\$22,100:-) would be met from local funds.

9. Sea Defence Works - Application for Colonial Development and Welfare Assistance.

Committee considered F.C. Memorandum No. 25/1960 and approved of the action taken in transmitting to the Secretary of State an application for a grant of \$1,584,000:- to meet 90% of the estimated cost of \$1,760,000:- of continuing Sea Defence Works in 1960.

10% (\$176,000:-) would be met from local funds.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 4.20 p.m.

Confirmed this *20th* day of *October*, 1960.

(Sd) W. A. J. ANDRADE.

Chairman,
Finance Committee.

(Sd) ELWYN V. VIAPKEE

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature,
Clerk to the Finance Committee.