

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 27TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (1990) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 25TH JULY, 1990

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING.

PRAYERS -

OATHS -

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT -

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER -

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

No. 35 - CONVENTION RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Cde. Janet Jagan to ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs
the following question:

- *QUESTION: (i) Could the Minister state if or when the Guyana Government has ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child at the United Nations?
- (ii) If not, why not?

(Notice Paper No. 52 (Q26 Opp 26) published 1990-06-08)

No. 36 - DIVESTMENT OF GUYANA NICHIMO

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development, the following question:

- *QUESTION:
- (i) In its divestment of Guyana Nichimo, did Government apply, or is it applying, its principles that the Economic Recovery Programme is 'export led'?
 - (ii) Is the Government aware, or does it dispute, that the offer by Kent Garment Factory included a plan to expand garment manufacture in Guyana for export?
 - (iii) Taking into account the dispute over the bidding for Guyana Nichimo will the Minister say that the transactions were transparent?
 - (iv) Will the Minister deny that after the very transparent dealing with the offers by the officer concerned, from Kent and National Hardware in the presence of each other, there was an approach to or by National Hardware to the prejudice of the other party who never had the chance to match the offer of US \$100 by National Hardware?
 - (v) Was the Government's priority the obtaining of immediate foreign exchange, or the expansion of the economy?
 - (vi) If the Government's priority was immediate foreign exchange for its assets, is it likely that it would gain a larger amount or a smaller amount by the one-sided bidding it has instructed or condoned?

(Notice Paper No. 62 (Q36 Opp 36) published 1990-06-08)

No. 37 - ADVERTISEMENT OVERSEAS OF ENTERPRISES TO BE DIVESTED

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development, the following question:

- *QUESTION: What steps does Government take to bring opportunities to buy divested enterprises to the attention of overseas Guyanese in all their communities?

(Notice Paper No. 63 (Q37 Opp 37) published 1990-06-08)

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. EVIDENCE AND PROCEDURE IN RAPE CASES

Assembly to resume the debate on the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly agrees that the laws of evidence and procedure be reviewed by the Attorney General to provide in cases of rape for the following:-

- (i) the victim's name be withheld from publication.
- (ii) the preliminary hearing and trial of persons charged with rape be held in camera
- (iii) the cross-examination of the complainant as regards previous sexual relations be limited to her sexual relations with the accused and not generally
- (iv) the panel of jury to be comprised of six men and six women;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the relevant amendments to the laws be introduced for approval of the National Assembly without delay.

(Notice Paper No. 41 (M23 Opp 14) published 1990-06-08)

2. INCREASE IN PENALTIES UNDER CRIMINAL LAW (OFFENCES) ACT, CHAPTER 8:01.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly agrees that the penalties provided by the Criminal Law (Offences) Act, Chapter 8:01, for the offences mentioned herein be increased:-

- (i) Carnally knowing a girl between 12 and 13 years (Section 69)
- (ii) Carnally knowing a female idiot (Section 71)
- (iii) Procuring the defilement of a female by threat or fraud or the administration of a drug (Section 72)
- (iv) Procuration (Section 73)
- (v) Conspiracy to defile a female (Section 74);

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the relevant amendments to the law be introduced for approval of the National Assembly without delay.

(Notice Paper No. 42 (M24 Opp 15) published 1990-06-08)

3. COMPENSATION TO FARMERS FOR LOSS SUFFERED FROM FLOODS

Cde. I. Dasir to move the following motion:

DE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls on the Government to compensate farmers who suffered severe loss and damage resulting from floods which occurred during the months of December, 1988, and January, 1989.

(Notice Paper No. 43 (M25 Opp 16) published 1990-06-08)

4. ACCOMMODATION FOR PARLIAMENTARY OFFICIALS, ETC.

Mr. E. Kwayana to move the following motion:

DE IT RESOLVED:

That a Special Select Committee be appointed by this National Assembly to consider the proper accommodation of Parliamentary officials and employees, the storing of documents, and facilities for more effective work of Members in the light of the utilisation of the space in Parliament Building.

(Notice Paper No. 65 (M28 Opp 17) published 1990-06-08)

*5. DELHI DECLARATION

Cde. Janet Jagan to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Delhi Declaration on Principles for a Nuclear Free and Non-Violent World made by Rajiv Gandhi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India and Mikhail Gorbachyov, General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, in New Delhi on November 27, 1986 included ten principles, as follows:-

- (1) Peaceful coexistence must become the Universal norm of international relations;
- (2) Human life must be recognised as supreme;
- (3) Non-violence should be the basis of community life;
- (4) Understanding and trust must replace fear and suspicion;
- (5) The right of every state to political and economic independence must be recognised and respected;
- (6) Resources being spent on armaments must be channelled towards social and economic developments;
- (7) Conditions must be guaranteed for the individual's harmonious development;
- (8) Mankind's material and intellectual potential must be used to solve global problems;
- (9) The "balance of terror" must give way to comprehensive international security;
- (10) A nuclear weapon free and non-violent world requires specific and immediate action for disarmament;

DE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly unanimously endorses and supports the Delhi Declaration and calls upon the Guyana Government to do so in the United Nations and all other fora in the world as the occasion warrants.

(Notice Paper No. 33 (M17 Opp 11) published 1990-03-21)

*6. FAMILY AND DEPENDANTS PROVISION BILL 1990 - Bill No. 6/1990
published 1990-03-17

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act empowering the Court to make provision out of the estate of a deceased person for the spouse, child, child of the family or dependant of that person; and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 1990-03-19)

*7. LOCAL DEMOCRATIC ORGANS (ELECTIONS) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 23/1990
published 1990-07-09

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to make provision for the election of members of local democratic organs, for the preparation of electoral registers for the purposes of such elections, for the determination of disputes in connection with such elections and of disputes in connection with elections to certain offices in local democratic organs and for matters incidental to and connected with the aforesaid matters.

(Read a first time on 1990-07-11)

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1990-07-23

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting