

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 38TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1986 - 1987) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY, 1987

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDING, GEORGETOWN

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BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS -

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT -

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PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

No. 50 - Increase in Malaria

Cde. Janet Jagan to ask the Minister in the Ministry of Health the following question:

- QUESTION:
- (i) Is it true that the incidence of malaria has increased more than three times since 1981?
  - (ii) Will Government provide the figures for the years 1981 to the present?
  - (iii) If there has been an increase, will the Minister explain why, and state what is being done to curb the spread of the disease?
- (Notice Paper No. 113 published 1987-03-04)

No. 51 - Productions and Importation of Cotton

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to ask the Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture the following question:

- QUESTION:
- (i) Will the Minister say why the Government's predictions on cotton production have failed?
  - (ii) As a result of the failure, will the Minister say what quantity of cotton was imported from 1980 to the present and at what price?
- (Notice Paper No. 115 published 1987-03-04)

For Written Reply

No. 52 - Allocation of State Lands in MMA/ADA

Cde. Reem Daman Persaud to ask the Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister state how many persons have been allocated state lands in the area commanded by the MMA scheme?
- (ii) How many acres were allocated to each person?
- (iii) Will the Minister furnish the names of the persons to whom the said lands have been allocated?
- (iv) Will he inform the Assembly of the number of applications for land in the said area which have been refused?

(Notice Paper No 116 published 1987-03-04)

No. 53 - Surveillance of Minority Leader by Police

Cde. S.F. Mohamed to ask the Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) Is the Minister aware of a letter from the Minority Leader to the Commissioner of Police protesting against his surveillance by police on motor-cycles in which he gave full information of the motor-cycles licence numbers of the police who were engaged in tailing him?
- (ii) Will the Minister give assurances that such practices will cease?

(Notice Paper No. 119 published 1987-03-04)

No. 54 - Adventure - Parika Steamer Service

Cde. Nokta to ask the Minister of Communications and Works the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) Is the Minister aware that many passengers using the Adventure-Parika Steamer service are subjected to severe discomfort and inconvenience because some passengers use the seating accommodation as beds, especially on the early morning run?
- (ii) If so, will he say what steps he has taken to correct the nuisance?
- (iii) If he is unaware of this situation, will the Minister now take action in the interest of all commuters?

(Notice Paper No. 120 published 1987-03-04)

For Written ReplyNo. 55 - Moblissa Milk Project

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to ask the Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister give details of the Moblissa Milk Project on the Linden Highway in terms of what is the total amount which has been spent on it, what has been the output and what is the present position?

(Notice Paper No. 121 published 1987-03-04)

No. 56 - Bills on Severance Pay and Trade Union Recognition

Cde. Belgrave to ask the Minister of Labour the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister say when the Bills on severance pay and on trade union recognition will come before the National Assembly?

(Notice Paper No. 123 published 1987-03-04)

No. 57 - Recommendations of the Labour Code Commission

Cde. Belgrave to ask the Minister of Labour the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister say how soon will the recommendations of the Labour Code Commission, which were submitted to the Government since 1981, be brought before the National Assembly?

(Notice Paper No. 124 published 1987-03-04)

No. 58 - Tapakuma Drainage and Irrigation Scheme

Cde. Basir to ask the Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Is the Minister aware that the residents of Essequebo regard the installation and maintenance of seven pumps in the Tapakuma Drainage and Irrigation scheme as of little or no use and an economic burden on them as tax-payers?

(ii) If so, will the Minister give urgent consideration to removing the pumps and engine and to re-activating instead all existing kokers and establishing appropriate "groins" to prevent silting?

(Notice Paper No. 133 published 1987-03-04)

No. 59 - Publication of New Telephone Directory

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to ask the Deputy Prime Minister, Public Utilities, the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Is the Deputy Prime Minister aware that since 1979, no telephone directory has been published?

(ii) Will the Deputy Prime Minister say when a new directory will be published and made available to the public?

(Notice Paper No. 139 published 1987-03-04)

No. 60 - Text and Exercise Books for Schools

Cde. S.F. Mohamed to ask the Vice-President, Education and Social Development, and Deputy Prime Minister the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) Is the Minister aware that the schools' population continues to suffer from inadequate supplies of text and exercise books, thereby seriously hindering the learning and teaching processes?
- (ii) Is the Minister also aware that the system of distribution of whatever text and exercise books that are available operates inefficiently?
- (iii) If so will the Minister say what steps have been and/or are being taken to end the shortages, and how soon will adequate supplies become available?
- (iv) Will the Minister also give assurances that she will seek to ensure that the distribution system for text and exercise books works efficiently?

(Notice Paper No. 140 published 1987-03-04)

No. 61 - Annual Reports of the Ministry of National Development

Mr. Kwavana to ask the Vice-President, National Mobilisation, and Deputy Prime Minister the following question:

- QUESTION: Will the Minister say for what years, other than 1985, has the Ministry of National Development tabled an Annual Report in the National Assembly?

(Notice Paper No. 141 published 1987-03-04)

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 -MOTIONS1. SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF CDE. LALLBACHAN LALBAHADUR

The Vice-President, National Mobilisation, and Deputy Prime Minister to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death of Cde. Lallbachan Lalbahadur and pays tribute to the distinguished service which he rendered to Guyana and to its Parliament and directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing relatives.

(Notice Paper No. 195 published 1987-05-08)

2. SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF CDE. EDGAR LEALAND AMBROSE

The Minister of Trade and Tourism to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death of Cde. Edgar Lealand Ambrose and pays tribute to the distinguished service which he rendered to Guyana and to its Parliament and directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing relatives.

(Notice Paper No. 196 published 1987-05-08)

3. SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF CDE. JAGNARINE BUDHOO, A.A.

Cde. Agnes W. Bend-Kirton to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death of Cde. Jagnarine Budhoo, A.A., and pays tribute to the distinguished service which he rendered to Guyana and to its Parliament and directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing relatives.

(Notice Paper No. 197 published 1987-05-08)

4. SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF CDE. HARI PRASHAD

Cde. C.L. Geddes to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death of Cde. Hari Prashad and pays tribute to the distinguished service which he rendered to Guyana and to its Parliament and directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing relatives.

(Notice Paper No. 198 published 1987-05-08)

5. SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF CDE. MOHENDERNATH POONAI

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death of Cde. Mohendernath Poonai, and pays tribute to the distinguished service which he rendered to Guyana and to its Parliament and directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing widow, children and relatives.

(Notice Paper No. 112 published 1987-01-28)

6. CONDITIONS AT GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL

Cde. Janet Jagan to move the following motion:

WHEREAS conditions in the Public Hospital, Georgetown, are deplorable, with shortages of the most elementary requirements for carrying out medical care;

AND WHEREAS this has been substantiated by a public statement by doctors of the Hospitals who have registered their dissatisfaction at the critical state of the institution which has for long been suffering from inadequate staff, supplies and equipment:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly recommends to the Government the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry into the Public Hospital, Georgetown, and that such a Commission be broad-based and representative of the Guyanese people.

(Notice Paper No. 92 published 1986-06-26)

7. NO-CONFIDENCE IN CHAIRMAN OF ELECTIONS COMMISSION

The Minority Leader to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly has no confidence in the Chairman of the Elections Commission.

(Notice Paper No. 94 published 1986-06-27)

8. ABOLITION OF ROAD TOLLS

Cde. Nokta to move the following motion:

WHEREAS road tolls are burden on already heavily-taxed Guyanese;

AND WHEREAS the administration involved in the collection of tolls is costly and unnecessary:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly recommends the abolition of road tolls.

(Notice Paper No. 96 published 1986-07-03)

9. NO-CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT'S MINING POLICY

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly has no confidence in the Government's mining policy, including its policy on precious metals.

(Notice Paper No. 102 published 1986-07-30)

10. GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF TOWN AND VILLAGE MANAGEMENT

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Government's policy of town and village management is ineffective, harmful and ought to be corrected.

(Notice Paper No. 103 published 1986-07-30)

11. HOUSING LOTS IN LINDEN

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That housing lots in Linden should be transferred to bauxite workers or former bauxite workers who occupy such lots or are in possession of such lots at the price of one dollar on terms similar to those applied in the sugar industry.

(Notice Paper No. 104 published 1986-07-30)

12. GOVERNMENT'S AGRICULTURAL POLICY

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Government's agricultural policy is inconsistent, wasteful, secretive and ought to be rationalised.

(Notice Paper No. 105 published 1986-07-30)

13. COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE BUSINESS DEALINGS OF MR. ROBERT CHAPPELL

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly appoint a Special Select Committee under Standing Order 71 for an investigation of the business dealings of Mr. Robert Chappell, representative of Nassau Life Insurance Company, Ltd.

(Notice Paper No. 106 published 1986-07-31)

14. PUBLIC HOUSING FACILITIES

Cde. Janet Jagan to move the following motion:

WHEREAS persons in the lower income group have been experiencing severe hardship in obtaining housing facilities commensurate with their income;

AND WHEREAS no effort should be spared in seeking to put an end to overcrowding and in solving this grave social problem;

AND WHEREAS the 1986 budget provision for public housing was very inadequate:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly recommends to the Government the adoption of a positive programme of public housing and the provision of adequate funds to finance it.

(Notice Paper No. 114 published 1987-03-04)

15. DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS, SUPPLIES AND COMMODITIES

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

WHEREAS consumers have been experiencing hardships in obtaining essential food items and other supplies, including building materials and cement:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls upon the Government to establish a Permanent Committee with Representatives of all Political Parties represented in Parliament, to ensure the equitable distribution of all goods, supplies and commodities.

(Notice Paper No 117 published 1987-03-04)

BILLS - Second Reading

\*16. MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 12/1986 published 1986-10-29

The Minister of Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Municipal and District Councils Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-11-03)

\*17. LOCAL DEMOCRATIC ORGANS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 13/1986 published 1986-10-29

The Minister of Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Local Democratic Organs Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-11-03)

\* 18. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 14/1986 Published 1986-10-29

The Minister of Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Local Government Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-11-03)

F.A. NARAIN  
Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
GEORGETOWN.

1987-05-08

\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting.