

FIRST SESSION

1957 - 1958

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 2.00 P.M.

on

TUESDAY, 7TH JANUARY, 1958.

PRESENT:

Hon. Financial Secretary, Mr. F.W. Essex - Chairman.
Hon. Minister of Trade and Industry - Dr. C.B. Jagan.
Hon. Minister of Natural Resources - Mr. E.B. Beharry.
Hon. Minister of Labour, Health and Housing - Mrs. Jaret Jagan.
Hon. Minister of Communications and Works - Mr. Ram Karran.
Mr. F. Bowman
Mr. B.S. Rai
Mr. S.M. Saffee
Mr. Ajodha Singh
Mr. W.O.R. Kendall
Mr. A.L. Jackson
Mr. R.B. Gajraj
Mr. R.C. Tello
Mr. R.E. Davis
Mr. A.M. Fredericks
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

with Mr. E.V. Viapree, Assistant Clerk of the Legislature,
Clerk to the Committee,
and Mr. E.D. Ford, Assistant Secretary, Finance Secretariat.

Absent

Hon. Minister of Community Development and Education -
Mr. B.H. Benn - on leave.
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham
Mr. S. Campbell - Indisposed.
Mr. Jai Narine Singh.

A G E N D A

Consideration of the 1958 Draft Estimates
(Recurrent and Development).

Mr. K.I.R. Kirkpatrick, O.B.E., Postmaster General, was present during consideration of HEAD 37 - POST OFFICE and HEAD 38 - POST OFFICE - TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS' BRANCH.

Mr. L.A. Robinson, Engineer-in-Chief (Ag.) was present during consideration of HEAD 38 - POST OFFICE - TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS' BRANCH.

.. / The Chairman

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, congratulated Mr. Kirkpatrick on the award of an O.B.E. recently conferred on him by Her Majesty the Queen in the New Year Honours List.

Mr. Kirkpatrick thanked the Chairman.

Committee considered and approved of the following Heads of Expenditure:-

HEAD	<u>AMOUNT</u>
37 - <u>POST OFFICE.</u>	
OTHER CHARGES. Commission and Premium.	
At the request of the Chairman, Committee approved of provision of \$25,000: for Commission and Premium to be offset by a corresponding increase in the Revenue Estimates.	
EXTRAORDINARY. Purchase of Mail Vans.	
After discussion, Committee approved of provision of \$9,500: for the purchase of three Mail Vans, expenditure on one of which was to be <u>reserved.</u>	
<u>HEAD 37 - POST OFFICE - was accordingly increased by \$34,500: and passed at</u>	\$1,219,115:
38 - <u>POST OFFICE - TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS' BRANCH -</u>	
passed as printed ..	\$ 788,952:
51 - <u>POST OFFICE - EXTRAORDINARY -</u> passed as printed ..	\$ 50,000:
XII - <u>POST OFFICE (DEVELOPMENT) -</u> passed as printed ..	\$2,697,000:
27 - <u>MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS</u>	
PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS. Fixed Establishment. Clerical Establishment.	
At the request of the Chairman, the Clerical Establishment was increased by one, that is, from 7 to 8, and the provision thereunder by \$1,000: (for a Clerical Assistant) from \$17,471: to \$18,471:	
The HEAD <u>was accordingly increased by \$1,000: and passed at</u>	\$ 47,069:

HEAD

AMOUNT28 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

OTHER CHARGES.

Subhead 2 - Transport and Travelling.

The above subhead was reduced
by \$800: that is from \$3,000: to
\$2,200:

The HEAD was accordingly reduced by \$800:
and passed at .. \$ 40,676:

29 - MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS.

Fixed Establishment.

Clerical Establishment.

At the request of the Chairman, the
Clerical Establishment was increased by
one, that is, from 9 to 10, and the
provision thereunder by \$1,000: (for a
Clerical Assistant) from \$13,674: to
\$14,674:

The HEAD was accordingly increased by
1,000: and passed at .. \$ 51,012:

30 - MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

OTHER CHARGES.

Subhead 2 - Transport and Travelling.

The above subhead was reduced
by \$800: that is, from \$3,000: to
\$2,200:

The HEAD was accordingly reduced by \$800:
and passed at .. \$ 78,696:

31 - MISCELLANEOUS.

Subhead 32 - Conditional Scholarship and
Training Courses (\$253,000:)
having been passed at the meeting
of Friday, 20th December, 1957,

and

Subhead 35 - Cost of investigations of insects
affecting stored rice and paddy,
etc. (\$11,000:)

and

Subhead 36 - Farm Youth Training in the U.S.A.
(\$3,600:) -
having been passed at the meeting
of Wednesday, 18th December, 1957,

HEAD 31 - MISCELLANEOUS was passed as printed \$1,825,931:

The Meeting terminated at 5.30 p.m.

Confirmed,

Chairman,
Finance Committee.

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature,
Clerk to the Committee.