

## SECOND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## FIRST SESSION

1957

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

WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1957.

PRESENT:

Hon. Financial Secretary, Mr. F.W. Essex - Chairman.  
 Hon. Minister of Trade and Industry - Dr. C.B. Jagan.  
 Hon. Minister of Community Development and Education - Mr. B.H. Benn.  
 Hon. Minister of Natural Resources - Mr. E.B. Beharry.  
 Hon. Minister of Labour, Health and Housing - Mrs. Janet Jagan.  
 Hon. Minister of Communications and Works - Mr. Ram Karran.  
 Mr. F. Bowman  
 Mr. B.S. Rai  
 Mr. S.M. Saffee  
 Mr. W.O.R. Kendall  
 Mr. S. Campbell  
 Mr. A.L. Jackson  
 Mr. Jai Narine Singh  
 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, Principal Assistant Secretary (Ag.),  
 Finance Secretariat.

Absent

Mr. Ajodha Singh - on leave.  
 Mr. L.F.S. Burnham.

A G E N D A

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

Mr. A.F. Mackenzie, Director of Agriculture, was present throughout the Meeting.

Committee resumed consideration of HEAD 3 - AGRICULTURE.

EXTRAORDINARY

Subhead 28 - Horse Stud and Quarantine Station .. \$16,308:-

Committee deleted this subhead.

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MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

Subhead 37 - Purchase of Equipment .. .. \$8,800:-

Committee considered and approved of the above subhead, subject to expenditure of the provision of \$6,000: for the purchase of Refrigerator Service Showcases being reserved pending the Committee being satisfied as to the necessity for these.

HEAD 3 - AGRICULTURE was reduced by \$16,308:- (i.e. EXTRAORDINARY - Subhead 28) and passed at \$1,689,976:-

Committee also considered and approved of the following:-

HEAD	<u>Amount</u>
<u>31 - MISCELLANEOUS</u>	
Subhead 35 - Cost of investigations of insects affecting stored rice and paddy, etc. .. ..	\$11,000:-
Subhead 36 - Farm Youth Training in the U.S.A. .. ..	\$ 3,600:-
<u>33 - MISCELLANEOUS - SUBVENTIONS, etc.</u>	
<u>OTHER THAN MUNICIPAL</u>	
<u>AGRICULTURAL</u>	
Subhead 1 - Contribution to the Sugar Cane Investigation Committee, Trinidad .. ..	\$ 96:-
Subhead 2 - Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux - .. ..	\$ 6,394:-
Subhead 3 - Rothanstead Experimental Station - Contribution to - .. ..	\$ 58:-
Subhead 4 - Annual grant to Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture - .. ..	\$12,504:-
Subhead 5 - Recruitment and Training of Officers for Colonial Agricultural Departments - .. ..	\$ 1:-
The Director of Agriculture informed Members that three or four Officers would probably be recruited during 1958 under the Scheme for which this provision is made. It was agreed that a realistic estimate should be inserted in the place of the token figure of \$1:-	
Subhead 6 - Fishing Industry Development - .. ..	\$20,000:-

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HEAD	<u>AMOUNT</u>
I - AGRICULTURE (DEVELOPMENT) - passed as printed	.. \$763,516:-

The Meeting terminated at 6.10 p.m.

Confirmed,

Chairman,  
Finance Committee.

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature,  
Clerk to the Committee.