

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 18th Sitting of the National Assembly under the Constitution of Guyana, held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

THURSDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 1972

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Sase Narain, J.P.

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (37)

Elected Ministers (12)

- The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, S.C., Prime Minister (Absent) *on leave B*
Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture
The Honourable M. Kasim, A.A., Minister of State for Agriculture
The Honourable H.D. Hoyte, S.C., Minister of Works and Communications
The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour and Social Security
The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Information, Culture and Youth (Absent - on leave)
The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House
The Honourable D.A. Singh, Minister of Health (Absent)
The Honourable O.E. Clarke, Minister of Home Affairs
The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of State for the Public Service
The Honourable W. Haynes, Minister of Co-operatives and Community Development
The Honourable A. Salim, Minister of Local Government

Appointed Ministers (7)

- The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C., Minister of Foreign Affairs and Attorney-General (Absent)
The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Public Affairs (Absent)
The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister of Mines and Forests (Absent)
The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird, Minister of Education
The Honourable F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance and Trade
Dr. the Honourable K.F.S. King, Minister of Economic Development
The Honourable S.S. Narain, A.A., Minister of Housing and Reconstruction

Parliamentary Secretaries (4)

Mr. J.G. Joaquin, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Trade
 Mr. P. Duncan, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of National Development and Agriculture
 Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Information, Culture and Youth
 Mr. C.E. Wrights, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Communications

Other Members (14)

Mr. J.N. Aaron
 Miss M.M. Ackman, Government Whip
 Mr. K. Bancroft
 Mr. N.J. Bissember
 Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue
 Mr. E.F. Correia
 Mr. M. Corrica
 Mr. E.H.A. Fowler
 Mr. R.J. Jordan
 Mr. S.M. Saffee
 Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.
 Mrs. L.E. Willems

Members of the Opposition (23)People's Progressive Party (17)

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
 Mr. Ram Karrañ
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C.
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P., Opposition Whip
 Mr. G.H. Lall, J.P.
 Mr. M.Y. Ally
 Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P.
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P. (Absent)
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bholá Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mr. L.A. Durant
 Mr. V. Teekah

United Force (3)

Mr. M.F. Singh
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. J.A. Sutton

Independents (3)

Mr. R.E. Cheeks (Absent)
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mrs. L.M. Branco

OFFICERS

Mr. F.A. Narain, Clerk of the National Assembly
 Mr. M.B. Henry, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONSNewspaper Report

Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud referred to a publication in the Daily Chronicle which stated that he had asked for an increase in marriage fees paid to Hindu Priests. He explained that his request was made not only for Hindu Priests, but for all Marriage Officers including the Registrar General.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONMOTION TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1973

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1973, totalling \$277,712,944. (See Appendix to Minutes of the 7th of December, 1972).

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 29 - MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE - LANDS was passed as printed at	811,070
HEAD 30 - MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE - INTERIOR DEVELOPMENT was passed as printed at	507,399
HEAD 31 - MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE - LAND DEVELOPMENT was passed as printed at	... \$ 1,296,863
DIVISION XIV - MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE was passed as printed at	\$14,814,126
DIVISION XV - MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE - IBRD/IDA PROJECTS LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT was passed as printed at	\$ 1,578,809
HEAD 33 - MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	

The following amendments by the Minister of Economic Development were put and carried:

- (1) Insertion of a new item (19) after item (18) at subhead 1 to read:

Economic Adviser \$10,320, with consequential changes in the numbering of subsequent items.

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- (2) Amendment of Total Personal Emoluments in 1973
Estimates to read:

₹334,133 instead of ₹323,813.

- (3) Amendment of Total Establishment 1973 to read
90 instead of 89.

- (4) Amendment of Grand Total: Head 33 in the 1973
Estimates to read ₹1,719,714 instead of
₹1,709,394.

HEAD 33 was passed as amended at ₹ 1,719,714

DIVISION XVII - MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
was passed as printed at ... ₹18,864,000

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.05 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1973.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 40 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION was passed
as printed at ₹ 6,016,668

HEAD 41 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - IN SERVICE
TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMME was
passed as printed at 174,093

HEAD 42 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - PRIMARY,
MULTI-LATERAL AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
was passed as printed at ₹17,958,667

with the following correction to
item (9) of subhead (1):

Substitution of "Secretaries for
Schools" for "Secretaries,
Secondary Schools".

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.00 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1973.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 43 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION CENTRES was passed as printed at	784,402
HEAD 44 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - GOVERNMENT TRAINING COLLEGE - PRE-SERVICE TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMME was passed as printed at	223,517
HEAD 45 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - TECHNICAL INSTITUTE GEORGETOWN was passed as printed at	549,761
HEAD 46 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - CARNEGIE SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS was passed as printed at	111,609
HEAD 47 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - QUEEN'S COLLEGE was passed as printed at	328,934
HEAD 48 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - BISHOP'S HIGH SCHOOL was passed as printed at	265,258
HEAD 49 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - ANNA REGINA SECONDARY SCHOOL was passed as printed at	122,335
HEAD 50 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - BERBICE HIGH SCHOOL was passed as printed at	202,599
HEAD 51 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - NEW AMSTERDAM was passed as printed at	\$ 289,055
DIVISION XXII - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION was passed as printed at	\$ 1,912,400
DIVISION XXIII - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - IBRD/IDA PROJECTS was passed as printed at	\$ 6,262,950
HEAD 61 - MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT was passed as printed at	939,521
DIVISION XXVI - MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT was passed as printed at	\$ 4,441,845
HEAD 62 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY was passed as printed at	\$ 591,277

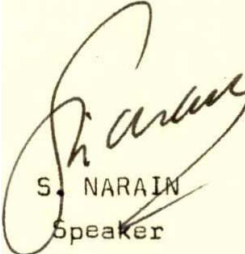
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HEAD 63 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY - EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE SERVICE was passed as printed at	75,312
HEAD 64 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY - SOCIAL ASSISTANCE was passed as printed at	₹ 3,790,477
DIVISION XXVII - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY was passed as printed at	232,324

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.30 p.m., on a motion by the Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, the 22nd of December, 1972.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
22nd December, 1972.