

SECOND SESSION

1958 - 1959

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, 20TH JANUARY, 1959.

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 Labour, Health and Housing - Mrs. Janet Jagan.  
Hon. Minister of Communications and Works - Mr. Ram Karran.  
Mr. F. Bowman.  
Mr. S.M. Saffee  
Mr. W.O.R. Kendall  
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham  
Mr. S. Campbell  
Mr. A.L. Jackson  
Mr. R.C. Tello  
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. G.W. Williams, Assistant Secretary (Ag.), Finance Secretariat.

Absent:

Hon. Minister of Natural Resources - Mr. E.B. Beharry - on leave.  
Mr. B.S. Rain  
Mr. Ajodha Singh.  
Mr. Jai Narine Singh.  
Mr. R.B. Gajraj.

Mr. R.E. Davis had asked to be absent from the meeting as he was out of town.

AGENDA.

1. Consideration of the Draft Estimates (Recurrent and Development) for 1959.

Mr. H.G. Barker, Director of Civil Aviation was present during consideration of HEAD 8 - CIVIL AVIATION and HEAD II - CIVIL AVIATION (DEVELOPMENT).

Mr. P.A. Forte, Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Ministry of Communications and Works was present during consideration of HEAD 8 - CIVIL AVIATION, HEAD 38 - POST OFFICE, HEAD 39 - POST OFFICE - TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS' BRANCH and HEAD 45 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, also HEAD II - CIVIL AVIATION, HEAD XII - POST OFFICE, and HEAD XIX - RURAL ELECTRIFICATION of the Development Estimates.

Mr. C.W.B. Deane, Postmaster General (Ag.), was present during consideration of HEAD 38 - POST OFFICE and HEAD 39 - POST OFFICE - TELECOMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS' BRANCH, HEAD 40 - POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK, also HEAD XII - POST OFFICE and HEAD XIX - RURAL ELECTRIFICATION of the Development Estimates.

Mr. L.A. Robinson, Engineer-in-Chief, Telecommunications, was present during consideration of HEAD 39 - POST OFFICE - TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS' BRANCH and HEAD XIX - RURAL ELECTRIFICATION (DEVELOPMENT).

Mr. A.R. Adamson, Director of Public Works (Ag.) and Mr. S. Storey, Administrative Assistant (Ag.), Ministry of Communications and Works, were present during consideration of HEAD 45 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

HEAD 9 - CO-OPERATIVE - passed as printed - \$167,402

HEAD 46 - REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

EXTRAORDINARY

At the request of the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing (Mrs. Jagan), the following new subhead was inserted with provision of \$800:-

6. Purchase of additional photographic supplies .....\$800:-

Total Extraordinary was accordingly increased by \$800:- and passed at \$2,070:-

Total of HEAD 46 - REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES was increased by \$800:- and passed at \$62,617.

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>Amount</u> \$.
<u>4 - ANALYST</u> - passed as printed	- \$ 54,892
<u>36 - PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES</u> - passed as printed	- 1,905,137
<u>8 - CIVIL AVIATION</u> - passed as printed	- 172,241
<u>II - CIVIL AVIATION (DEVELOPMENT)</u> - passed as printed	- 85,990
<u>35 - OFFICIAL RECEIVER</u> - passed as printed	- 26,150
<u>38 - POST OFFICE</u> - passed as printed	- 1,240,343
<u>39 - POST OFFICE - TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS' BRANCH</u> - passed as printed	- 871,685
<u>40 - POST OFFICE - SAVINGS BANK</u> - passed as printed	- 60,438
<u>XII - POST OFFICE (DEVELOPMENT)</u> - passed as printed	- 1,528,930
<u>XIX - RURAL ELECTRIFICATION (DEVELOPMENT)</u> - passed as printed	- 36,000

HEAD 45 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The Committee was considering the above Head when the adjournment was taken.

Adjournment.

At 5.05 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the Meeting to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday the 21st of January, 1959.

Confirmed this            day of            ,1959.

Chairman,  
Finance Committee.

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature,  
Clerk to the Committee.