

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY, 1987

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (73)

Speaker (1)

\*Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., S.C., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the  
National Assembly

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (61)

Ministers in the Cabinet (10)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Prime Minister (Absent)

Other Vice-President and First Deputy Prime Minister (1)

Cde. Dr. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., Vice-President,  
First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General

Other Vice-Presidents and Deputy Prime Ministers

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Vice-President, National Mobilisation,  
and Deputy Prime Minister

Cde. Viola V. Burnham, O.R., M.P., Vice-President, Education and  
Social Development, and Deputy Prime Minister

Other Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister,  
Planning and Development (Absent - on leave)

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Public  
Utilities

Senior Ministers (4)

Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs

\*Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance (Absent)

Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of Labour

Cde. W.S. Murray, C.C.H., Minister of Trade and Tourism

Other Ministers (14)

Senior Ministers (7)

Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Regional Development

Cde. Dr. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister of Medical  
Education, Environment and Food Policy

Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister of Information and  
the Public Service (Absent - on leave)

\*Cde. Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Senior Minister in the  
Ministry of Agriculture

\*Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Education

\*Cde. J.R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister of Communications and Works

\*Cde. Dr. N.E. Blackman, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of  
Health (Absent)

\*Non-elected Member

Ministers (5)

- Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of National Mobilisation  
Cde. C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.P., M.P., Minister in the Office of the President (Absent)  
Cde. D. Savh, M.P., Minister of Forestry  
\*Cde. V.V. Parvatan, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture  
Cde. J.T. Kissoon, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Medical Education, Environment and Food Policy (Absent - on leave)

Ministers of State (2)

- Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and Development  
Cde. Stella Odie-Ali, M.P., Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs

Parliamentary Secretary (1)

- \*Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Education

Government Chief Whip (1)

- Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P., Government Chief Whip

Other Members (23)

- Cde. Agnes W. Bend-Kirton, M.P.  
Cde. A.K. Habibulla, M.P.  
Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.  
Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.  
Cde. M. Ally, M.P.  
Cde. Elaine B. Davidson, M.P.  
Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.  
Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.  
Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.  
Cde. Anna Ally, M.P.  
Cde. L.R. Arthur, M.P.  
Cde. J.R.L. Bovell-Drakes, M.P.  
Cde. N. Calistro, M.P.  
Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
Cde. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.  
Cde. Edith Deygoo, M.P.  
Cde. Clarice A. Edwards, M.P.  
Cde. C.L. Geddes, M.P.  
Cde. G. Marshall, M.P.  
Cde. B. Persaud, J.P., M.P.  
Cde. E.W. Trotman, M.P.  
Cde. K. Sankar, M.S., M.P. (Absent - on leave)

\*Non-elected Member

Members from the National Congress of Local Democratic Organs (2)

Cde. Rose I. Semple, M.P.  
(Vacant)

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

Cde. Nellie R. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)  
Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)  
Cde. Bhagmatee Latchminarayan, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/  
Berbice)  
Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)  
Cde. Enid E. Abrahams, M.S., J.P., M.P. (Region No. 3 -  
Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)  
Cde. I. Ally, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)  
Cde. B.L. Domingo, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)  
Cde. S.I. McGarrell, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/  
Siparuni) (Absent - on leave)  
Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper  
Essequibo) (Absent)  
Cde. Joycelyn Thom-Lindie, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper  
Demerara/Berbice) (Absent)

Members of the Minority (11)

(i) People's Progressive Party (8)

Minority Leader (1)

Cde. Dr. C. Jagan, M.P., Minority Leader

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Deputy Speaker of  
the National Assembly

Other Members (6)

Cde. Janet Jagan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P., Minority Chief Whip  
Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.  
Cde. I. Basir, M.P.  
Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.  
Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P. (Absent)

(iii) Working People's Alliance (1)

Mr. E. Kwayana, M.P.

OFFICERS

Cde. F.A. Narain, A.A., Clerk of the National Assembly  
Cde. I. Hartman, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cde. Parris up to 15th May, Cdes. Harewood-Benn, Kissoon and Cumberbatch for that day's sitting, and Cde. Calistro up to 4th June.

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -No. 50 - Increase in Malaria

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud on behalf of Cde. Janet Jagan asked 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)

The Minister of Medical Education, Environment and Food Policy, gave the following reply:

ANSWER: Yes, there has been an increase in malaria. Yes, the Government is willing to provide the figures.

Why has there been an increase? The WHO's report on the World Malaria Situation indicates that there has been a general increase in Asia, Africa, Central America and South America. The CAREC's report of 1985 indicates that in the region of the Americas despite the achievements in previous years, there has been a deterioration of the malaria situation globally and identifies the following factors as being responsible:-

- (a) Technical problems associated with the development of vector resistance to insecticide and, of *Plasmodium falciparum* resistance to four (4) amino quinoline drugs.
- (b) Problems encountered with intensive inter and intra country movement of people.
- (c) Problems of shrinking resources to manage rising numbers of personnel and increased equipment and supply costs.
- (d) Problems related to socio political and human factors.

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The report also indicates in Belize, Dominica and the Republic of Guyana, malaria transmission had been reduced to very low levels during 1970's. Since 1979, however, the situation has regressed due to the importation of cases from neighbouring countries and the inability to eliminate foci of resident or imported cases. In the 1980's therefore malaria transmission has returned to some areas in which it had been eradicated.

What is being done?

Integration of malaria service into the general health service. Intensification of Training in microscopy of medex, community health workers, army and Guyana National Service personnel also Laboratory technicians from private hospitals.

With the assistance of Venezuela, six (6) persons were trained in Entomology.

PAHO assisted with microscopes so that areas such as Enachu, Kamarang, Potaro and Issano are now served with personnel Capable of diagnosing and treating malaria.

There is also intensive collaboration with the Gold Miners Association.

Other problems encountered are non compliance with treatment and spraying of the internal walls of houses in the malarious areas. DDT the insecticide which is used has effectiveness for one (1) month.

Constraints regarding transportation were overcome with assistance from CIDA and UNDP.

From the WHO's report it shows eighty-one (81) anophiline species had been reported to be resistant to one (1) or more insecticide. Thirty-four (34) are resistant to DDT, forty-seven (47) to Dieldrin and thirty (30) to both.

It should also be noted that the following excerpt is taken from the PAHO report on malaria - "In the eastern South America which includes Brazil, French Guiana, Guyana and Surinam, the upward trend in the number of cases which has been apparent for sometime continued only in Brazil, particularly in the Amazon basin. There was a slight increase in the number of cases in Guyana and a slight decline in French Guiana and Surinam ...". Also during 1986 we witnessed a decline in the Rupununi, the increase is mainly in Regions 7 & 8 which borders Bolivar state, in Venezuela.

No. 51 - Production and Importation of Cotton

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud asked 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)

The Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture gave the following reply:-

- ANSWER: (i) Work has continued on cotton production and has showed success in that yields at Kimbia have increased from the initial less than 100 lbs lint per acre to 300 lbs per acre presently.

This has been due mainly to improved crop husbandry and management.

However, acreages have had to be contracted because of a reduced availability of foreign exchange.

In the circumstances the predictions of cotton production have not failed.

- (ii) The importation of cotton from 1980 is as follows:

Year	Country of Origin	No. of Bales	Weight (kg)	Cost (G)
1980	China	400 bales	29,200	693,108
1981	China	1,206	88,038	1,983,205
1982	China	1,353	99,769	1,944,366
1983	U.S.A.	419	95,113	537,603
1984	China	13,873	1,012,729	8,669,647
1985/86	China	14,400	1,051,200	5,681,512
Total		31,651	2,375,049	19,419,441

Supplementary questions were asked by Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud and the Minority Leader.

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

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud asked 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 areas 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)

The Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture gave the following reply:-

- ANSWER: (i) The Mahaica-Mahaicony-Abary Agriculture Development Authority commands an area totalling over 1,030,000 million acres of land from the right bank of the Mahaica River to the left bank of the Berbice River. This area comprises both freehold and state lands allocated to over 20,000 individuals, co-operatives, Companies and Groups. Land allocation for farms varies from 5 acres up to a few with over 1,000 acres.
- (ii) Allocation has been made according to lands under full water control, land under drainage only and lands with neither drainage nor irrigation. Lands have been allocated also to farmers for rice, for other crops, and livestock.
- (iii) and (iv) The massive effort in retrieval and documentation makes the information almost impractical to supply.

Supplementary questions were asked by Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud and the Minority Leader.

No. 53 - Surveillance of Minority Leader by Police

Cde. S.F. Mohamed asked 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)

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs gave the following reply:

ANSWER: (i) The answer to question at (i) is 'yes'.

- (ii) The answer to (ii) is not necessary as the numbers of the motor cycles do not correspond with any motor cycles attached to the Guyana Police Force, and further, members of the Force have not been tailing the Minority Leader or keeping a surveillance on him.

A supplementary question was asked by Cde. S.F. Mohamed.

No. 54 - Adventure - Parika Steamer Service

Cde. Nokta asked 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 not take action in the interest of all commuters?

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

ANSWER: From complaints received the Minister is aware that passengers recline or lie down on the seating accommodation provided. The Department has requested its security services to curtail this practice but it is found that all sorts of excuses are being tendered such as illness and a need for medical attention.

Because of misuse by passengers only a limited number of deckchairs remain in circulation, but many passengers appear reluctant to rent these chairs.

There is nothing in the Regulations which allows the Department to use force to expel persons found lying on the seats so the Department has been using persuasion and appealing to the passengers' discretion.



No. 55 - Moblissa Milk Project

Cde. Reemu Daman Persaud, asked 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)

The Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture gave the following reply:

**ANSWER:** The take over value by Livestock Development Company Limited from Ministry of Agriculture was \$1,194,031.

In addition the Livestock Development Company Limited has spent \$3,414,529 in capital expenditure during the period 1977 to 1986.

Since 1976 the following has been the output

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Milk Production	Gallons	694,145
Beef Production	Lbs.	231,710
Breeding stock sold to farmers (for upgrading their stock)	No.	165
Male calves sold for fattening purposes	No.	554

Lidco's Moblissa Dairy Farm commenced with 548 young dairy cattle and now has a total of 854 animals including over 450 lactating animals.

The Farm is part of a Complex of dairy and beef operations at Ebini, Kawbawer, Mara, Pirara and Moblissa owned by the Livestock Development Company.

The Farm provides Linden with fresh milk and has pioneered the development of pastures and dairy farming systems in the area, acting as a demonstration unit to the small dairy farmers located at Moblissa.

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

Cde. Belgrave asked 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)

The Minister of Labour gave the following reply:

**ANSWER:** Draft Bills were sent to the TUC and the Consultative Association of Guyanese Industry Limited (CAGI) some years ago. Since then the two bodies have discussed the provisions of the Bills with the Government.

As far as it is known, the Consultative Association of Guyanese Industry Limited (CAGI) has submitted its views on the legislation but the Bills are still being considered by the TUC.

A supplementary question was asked by the Minority Leader.

**No. 577 - Recommendations of the Labour Code Commission.**

Cde. Belgrave asked 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)

The Minister of Labour gave the following reply:

**ANSWER:** Draft Bills have been prepared on the more urgent recommendations of the Labour Code Commission, including those relating to holidays with pay, trade union recognition, condition of service of trainees and severance pay. These Bills are currently receiving the attention of the Trade Union Congress and the Consultative Association of Guyanese Industry Limited (CAGI).

The recommendation of the Labour Code Commission that trade unions should be empowered to enter into legally binding collective agreements has already been implemented through the enactment of the Labour (Amendment) Act 1984. The recommendation regarding amendment of the law relating to the doctrine of common employment has also been given effect to by accidental deaths and workmen's injuries (Compensation) (Amendment) Act 1983.

The other recommendations of the Labour Code Commission are being examined by the Law Officers with a view to determining the extent to which Legislation is required and to drafting any required Bills. Any such bills will then be processed as in the case of the bills referred to earlier in this answer.

A supplementary question was asked by Cde. Belgrave.

No. 58 - Tapakuma Drainage and Irrigation Scheme

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

- QUESTION: (i) Is the Minister aware that the residents of Essequibo 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)

The Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture gave the following reply:

ANSWER: The Minister is not aware of that opinion. He is aware of the nine (9) pumps which have been installed at seven (7) locations at the Tapakuma Project.

He is also aware that at the present time due to the foreshore becoming low (47 - 50 GD) there is no urgent need for the pumps. However, Specialists at the Ministry of Agriculture predict that the pumps will be required in 4 to 5 years and instructions have been given already for the pumps to be removed until needed.

With respect to the construction of 'groynes' it is a known fact that they work fairly well when there is movement of suspended sand in the water. However with the fine clays which prevail along the coast, indepth studies on tide, waves and currents would have to be undertaken to establish the direction of any groynes or deflectors.

This exercise which would be very expensive is not considered to be cost effective.

A supplementary question was asked by Cde. Basir.

No. 59 - Publication of New Telephone Directory

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud asked 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)

The Deputy Prime Minister, Public Utilities, gave the following reply:

**ANSWER:** No. A supplementary directory was issued in 1981 and a new directory has been issued for 1986/87 distribution of which began during the early part of this year (1987).

However, several errors have been discovered and these are being corrected. General updating of this directory is taking place and a new directory will be issued in the near future.

No. 60 - Text and Exercise Books for Schools

Cde. S.F. Mohamed asked 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.)

The Vice-President, Education and Social Development and Deputy Prime Minister gave the following reply:

**ANSWER:** (i) The Minister is aware of the inadequacy of textbooks and exercise books and the difficulties associated with it.

To alleviate these:

- (a) Circulars were sent out to schools by the Chief Education Officer indicating strategies which might be used relevant to the levels and the numbers affected.
- (b) The National Centre for Education Research Development is engaged in conducting workshops to meet the needs of specific schools and teachers.
- (c) The Curriculum Development Unit is in the process of producing guides which take into account the possibility of reduced numbers of texts.

- (d) Individuals teachers have been encouraged to devise their own methods of coping with the situation and to share their experiences with others in their districts.
- (ii) Given the expanse of country and the difficult terrain, to which is now added the reduction in supplies, the system of distribution has not been operating to the satisfaction of the Ministry and has been under review for some time.
1. Research has been done by the Planning and Research Unit of the Ministry to determine the nature and extent of problems, and recommendations have been made to correct these.
  2. A new structure including more and a higher level of staff, has been devised and is now before the Public Service Ministry.
- (iii) Steps being taken to improve the situation with respect to textbooks:
- (a) The staff of the Books Distribution Unit and Officers of the Planning Unit of the Central Ministry are involved in on-going visits to schools to check on the stocks of text-books with a view to withdrawing from and re-allocating excesses to schools as seen necessary.
  - (b) An amount of \$80,000 has been released by the Bank of Guyana to purchase Reading and Mathematics texts for Primary schools and these books are expected to arrive in time for the re-opening of schools in the new school year.
  - (c) Another order of textbooks for Secondary schools has been prepared and a request has been made to the Bank of Guyana to release sums of foreign exchange to cover this order so that the books may arrive by the beginning of the new term.
  - (d) Through the Canadian Organisation for Development through Education (CODE) we will receive, in time for the beginning of the new term, a quantity of textbooks at the Primary Level. Approximately 30,000 books will be received under the 'Impact' arrangement.
  - (e) The Ministry believes that the long term solution to the current problems must include the localisation of as much of textbooks production as is feasible. The Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) is assisting in the production of text books at the Secondary school level. Guyana is an active participant in this exercise contributing both money and personnel. Technical help is received from the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC).
- Through a series of meetings and workshops, the CXC is developing instructional modules out of which instructional materials and textbooks will be produced for Science and Technical and Vocational subject areas.

- (f) Arising out of a recent Conference of Ministers of Education, i.e. last year's meeting the Caribbean territories are now working together to produce cheaper textbooks for the Primary Level in the four core subjects. Guyana is an integral part of this innovation in Education with some of our specialists playing a leading role.

With respect to Exercise Books:-

- (a) Twenty tons of paper have just been received from Aviron Technical Institute, Canada for the printing of local Readers, workbooks and exercise books.
- (b) Twenty-five tons are expected to arrive in July from the Organisation for Co-operation in Overseas Development (OCOD), Canada.
- (c) In addition, a more substantial quantity is being negotiated for similar purposes through the Canadian Organisation for Development through Education (CODE) whose representative is expected in the country on May 18.
- (d) Multilateral and bilateral co-operation agreements are also being pursued.
- (e) In the meantime, both the Ministry and Guyana National Printers are exploring the possibilities of obtaining further supplies of paper.
- (iv) Certainly.

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

Mr. Kwayana asked 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)

The Vice-President, National Mobilisation and Deputy Prime Minister gave the following reply:

ANSWER: Prior to 1985 no Annual Report for the Ministry of National Development had been tabled in the National Assembly.

A supplementary question was asked by the Mr. Kwayana.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONSITEM 1 - SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF CDE. LALLBACHAN LALBAHADUR

The Vice-President, National Mobilisation, and Deputy Prime Minister moved ~~and spoke~~ to 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)

The Minority Leader seconded and spoke to the motion.

Mr. M.F. Singh and Mr. Kwayana spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the motion was ~~put~~ and carried with Members standing.

ITEM 2 - SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF CDE. EDGAR LEALAND AMBROSE

The Minister of Trade and Tourism moved and spoke to 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)

The Minority Leader seconded and spoke to the motion.

Mr. M.F. Singh, Mr. Kwayana and the Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried with Members standing.

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

Cde. Agnes Bend-Kirtom moved and spoke to 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)

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud seconded and spoke to the motion.

Mr. M.F. Singh and Mr. Kwayana spoke to the motion

Thereafter the motion was put and carried with Members standing.

ITEM 4 - SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF CDE. HARI PRASHAD

Cde. C.L. Geddes moved and spoke to 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)

Mr. M.F. Singh seconded and spoke to the motion.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud and Mr. Kwayana spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put, and carried with Members standing.

ITEM 5 - SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF CDE. MOHENDERNAUTH POONAI

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud moved and spoke to the following motion.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death of Cde. Mohendernauth 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)

Cde. Jennifer Ferreira seconded and spoke to the motion.

Mr. M.F. Singh and Mr. Kwayana spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put, and carried, with Members standing.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.12 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

ITEM 6 - CONDITIONS AT GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL

At the request of Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, on behalf of Cde. Janet Jagan, the motion at Item 6 on the Order Paper was deferred.



ITEM 7 - NO-CONFIDENCE IN CHAIRMAN OF ELECTIONS COMMISSION

The Minority Leader moved and spoke to 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)

Mr. M.F. Singh seconded and spoke to the motion.

Mr. Kwayana and the Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General spoke to the motion.

The Minority Leader replied.

Thereafter the motion was put, and negatived on the following division:

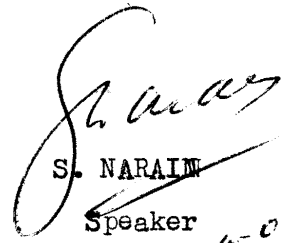
<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Kwayana	Cde. Domingo
Cde. Belgrave	Cde. I. Ally
Cde. Basir	Cde. Abrahams
Cde. Nokta	Cde. Khan
Cde. S.P. Mohamed	Cde. Latchminarayan
Cde. C. Jagam	Cde. Charles
	Cde. Semple
	Cde. B. Persaud
	Cde. Marshall
	Cde. Edwards
	Cde. Deygo
	Cde. DeJesus
	Cde. Calistro
	Cde. Bovell-Drakes
	Cde. Arthur
	Cde. Melville
	Cde. Davidson
	Cde. M. Ally
	Cde. Gill-Mingo
	Cde. Fowler
	Cde. Habibulla
	Cde. Bend-Kirton
	Cde. Ferreira
	Cde. Odie-Ali
	Cde. Harding
	Cde. Sawh
	Cde. Johnson
	Cde. Thomas
	Cde. Prashad
	Cde. Burnham
	Cde. Chandisingh
	Cde. Shahabuddeen

Total 6

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ADJOURNMENT

At 6.50 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker  
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