

THIRD SESSION

1971

ORDER PAPER

25TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1971

AT 2.00 P.M.

PRAYERS -

CANT OF A NEW MEMBER - Hon. Miss Cecilene Leona Baird, Minister of Education

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER -

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

1. By the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the Transport and Harbours Department for the year ended 31st December, 1968.

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- (b) Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the Guyana Post Office Savings Bank for the year ended 31st December, 1969.

(P.O.S.B.6 VIII)(Circulated)

2. By the Minister of Communications:

Annual Report of the Transport and Harbours Department for the year 1969.

(C-12/4/7)(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

QUESTION NO. 11

Mr. R. Ally to ask the Minister of Finance the following question:

Will the Minister say why were drivers of motor vehicles who took out their drivers' licences on 28th December, 1969 required to pay, in 1971, an additional \$5.00 for the three days in 1970?

(Notice Paper No. 29 published 24th June, 1971)

QUESTION NO. 12

Mr. Hamid to ask the Minister of Works, Hydraulics and Supply the following question:

Will the Minister say whether he is aware that the well on Tiger Island, Essequibo River, has been out of order for very many months, and as a result of this the people are forced to wash with and to drink stagnant trench water?

If so, will the Minister say how soon action will be taken to get the well functioning again?

(Notice Paper No. 32 published 13th July, 1971)

QUESTION NO. 13

Mr. Hamid to ask the Minister of Works, Hydraulics and Supply the following question:

Will the Minister say whether any money, and if so, how much, remains from an allocation in 1963 said to be \$163,000 for the improvement of the Bartica Water Supply?

Will the Minister say whether an undertaking was given to the Bartica Village Council to carry out the second and third stages of a pure water supply plan for Bartica, and if so, whether the undertaking was honoured?

(Notice Paper No. 34 published 13th July, 1971)

QUESTION NO. 14

Mr. R. Ally to ask the Minister of Health the following question:

- (a) Will the Minister say how soon the Government proposes to repair and paint the Public Hospital at Skeldon?
- (b) Will the Minister also say how early the Government proposes to furnish this hospital with beds, mattresses, sheets and other necessary items of furnityre, and with a full stock of drugs?

(Notice Paper No. 41 published 11th August, 1971)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS -

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS -

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY
ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE -

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY
AND MOVED BY A MINISTER -

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONS

1. Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

WHEREAS on 12th July, 1970, the Ministry of Finance announced that the total assets of Global-Agri, said to be a multi-million dollar project for the development of corn and cattle on a large area in the Berbice River, had been acquired by the Government;

AND WHEREAS the collapse of this project, in which the Government had earlier announced that it was taking a controlling 51% interest of the shares, has gravely disturbed public confidence in the Government;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly has not been furnished with any information about this project and is therefore completely unaware of the amounts paid in acquiring either the 51% controlling interest in the Company, or subsequently, its total assets, and is equally unaware of the circumstances which led to the collapse of the project;

AND WHEREAS it is believed that, among other defects, there was no proper assessment of technical aspects of the project such as whether or not corn could be grown economically in the chosen area;

AND WHEREAS the Chairman of Global-Agri, Mr. Stanley Greene, has had to leave Guyana hurriedly and in circumstances which have increased the grave doubts of Guyanese tax-payers about the efficient functioning of the various arms of the Government and the Ministry of Agriculture in particular;

AND WHEREAS it appears that a great deal of expensive machinery and equipment has been imported into the country and is now lying somewhere on the site of the project and that those items represent the total assets of the Company in Guyana;

AND WHEREAS, among the first casualties of the collapse of the project have been Guyanese workers, who have not, it is understood, been paid overtime due to them in dock-side unloading of the abovementioned machinery and equipment:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly agrees that a Committee comprising Members of both sides of this House be set up to inquire into all the circumstances of the operations of Global-Agri up to the date of the announcement of the take-over of the assets by Government.

(Notice Paper No. 6 published 1st June, 1971)

2. Mr. Teekah to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Hon. Minister of Education ordered the transfer of the Secretary of the Charlestown Government Secondary School, Mrs. Hazel Da Sent, to the Bush Lot Government Secondary School, West Coast Berbice, with effect from the 14th October, 1970;

AND WHEREAS after strong protests had been made by and on behalf of Mrs. Da Sent to the effect that no just cause existed for her transfer to the Bush Lot Government Secondary School, the Minister of Education directed that Mrs. Da Sent be transferred instead to the Zeeburg Government Secondary School with effect from 14th October, 1970;

AND WHEREAS on representations made by and on behalf of Mrs. Da Sent, the Ministry of Education permitted her to continue in her post as Secretary of the Charlestown Government Secondary School on and after 14th October, 1970;

AND WHEREAS Mrs. Da Sent was dismissed as Secretary of the Charlestown Government Secondary School on 2nd June, 1971;

AND WHEREAS efforts made by and on behalf of Mrs. Da Sent to have discussions opened by the Ministry of Education on the matter in accordance with established trade union practice and with a view to arriving at a satisfactory solution, have been completely ineffective;

AND WHEREAS Mrs. Da Sent has been humiliated in the eyes of the community and is suffering great hardship as a consequence of her dismissal;

AND WHEREAS the post of Secretary of the Charlestown Government Secondary School has been vacant since the termination of Mrs. Da Sent's services:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly agrees that the decision to dismiss Mrs. Da Sent should be rescinded and that she should be re-instated as Secretary to the Charlestown Government Secondary School with effect from 2nd June, 1971.

(Notice Paper No. 44 published 18th August, 1971)

BILL - Second Reading* 3. PRIVATE HOSPITALS BILL, 1971 - Bill No. 15/1971 published 14.7.71

The Minister of Health to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE LICENSING OF PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

(Read a first time on 12th August, 1971)

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

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SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

WHEREAS rice farmers and millers of Guyana are finding it uneconomical to continue to cultivate and manufacture paddy and rice;

AND WHEREAS production costs have increased by over 22% since 1966 while purchase prices have been drastically reduced;

AND WHEREAS the reduction of production of rice is seriously affecting the economy of Guyana:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Government take steps to increase the prices of paddy and rice to the farmers from the 1971 autumn crop on the basis of prices prevailing prior to 1966.

(Notice Paper No. 5 published 1st June, 1971).

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

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SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER NO. 2

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PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

By the Speaker (Chairman, Committee of Selection):

Minutes of the Second Meeting of
the Committee of Selection held on
Wednesday, the 8th of September,
1971.

(Parl: 5/5 V) (Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

QUESTION NO. 15

Mr. R. Ally to ask the Minister of Education the following question:

- (a) Will the Minister say whether she is aware that there are two Denominational Schools within the Line Path and Princetown areas, and that both schools have been trying to accommodate three times the number of children they were built to accommodate?
- (b) Will the Minister give consideration to the building of at least two large Government primary schools in this area, in order to ease the situation?

(Notice Paper No. 29 published 11th August, 1971)