

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**FOR THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION**

**(2001 - 2002) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**

**AT 2.00 P.M.**

**ON WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2002**

**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**

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**BUSINESS FOR SITTING**

**PRAYERS**

**OATH OF A NEW MEMBER-**

**MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT-**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER-**

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS-**

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.**

By the Minister of Agriculture:

Annual Report for the Guyana Sugar Corporation for the years 1999 and 2000.

(To be Circulated)

**QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS**

**For Written Replies**

**No. 1** - **LAND CRUISER - PGG 8042**

Mrs. Sheila Holder to ask the Minister of Fisheries, Crops and Livestock the following question:

Has the Forestry Commission ever owned or does it own a Land Cruiser vehicle number plate PGG 8042? If so, how was it utilized in each month between January, 2000 and June 2001?

*(Notice Paper No. 12 (Q4 Opp4) published 2002-05-21)*

**No. 2** - **FOOD SHORTAGE**

Mrs. Sheila Holder to ask the Minister of Amerindian Affairs the following question:

Could the Minister say whether any Amerindian villages in Region 8 were seriously affected by food shortages during the years 2001 and 2002, inclusive? If so, please name them?

*(Notice Paper No. 24 (Q14 Opp14) published 2002-06-17)*

**No. 3 - GOLD AND DIAMOND MINERS**

Mrs. Sheila Holder to ask the Minister of Home Affairs the following questions:

- (i) How many non-Guyanese miners have received work permits and/or residency permits to operate gold and diamond mines in the interior during each year from 1990 - the present time?
- (ii) Can the Minister say how many non-Guyanese by country are living in Georgetown?
- (iii) How many non-Guyanese are engaged in gold and diamond mining activities in regions 7, 8 and 9?
- (iv) Are Amerindians consulted before gold and diamond miners are granted work/residency permits to operate in areas contiguous to their villages?
- (v) How many firearm licences have been officially issued to non-Guyanese miners, by country, in possession of Guyanese work permits between 1990 - the present time, inclusive?
- (vi) How many Amerindians have applied for a firearm licence and how many firearm licences have been issued to Amerindians specifically and Guyanese in general during the period 1990 - the present time, inclusive?

*(Notice Paper No. 15 (Q7 Opp7) published 2002-05-21)*

**No. 4 - AGRICULTURAL MATTERS - REGIONS NOS. 8 AND 9**

Mrs. Sheila Holder to ask the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:

(i) Could the Minister provide data on the total area under cultivation and the individual areas for each specific crop under cultivation for the following villages:-

- Paramakatoi
- Monkey Mountain
- Kato
- Kurukubaru
- Chenapau
- Karisparu
- Wandaik
- Itabac
- Puwa
- Kamana
- Bamboo Landing
- Kopinang
- And in the Pakaraima areas of sub-region No. 1 - Region No. 8, and in the Takutu areas of sub-region No. 1 - Region No. 9?

(ii) Could the Minister say what provision, if any, was made during the years 1995-2000 for the eradication of the fern, now sweeping from the South and devastating the fragile indigenous vegetation in the Pakaraimas? If provision was made, what was the expenditure?

*(Notice Paper No. 22 (Q12 Opp12) published 2002-06-17)*



**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 BUSINESS**

**MOTIONS**

**1. ACCESS TO THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE**

Mrs. Sheila Holder to move the following motion:

WHEREAS many citizens of Guyana with great sacrifice acquire title to land for their domestic security or as an economic investment; and

WHEREAS immovable property can be fraudulently transferred by means of forgery of documents or false claims; and

WHEREAS all such dealings in land are required to be advertised in the Official Gazette which, although published weekly, is not easily accessible to the general public who are likely to be affected by any fraudulent transactions.

BE IT RESOLVED that this National Assembly urge the administration to take immediate steps to ensure that the public have easy, timely and unhindered access to the Gazette at all Post Offices, Regional Offices, Magistrates Courts and other public places and by purchase from governmental agencies and bookstores.

*(Notice Paper No. 17 (M9 Opp2) published 2002-05-21)*

2. **INCREASE IN TARIFF RATES - GUYANA POWER & LIGHT CO. (G.P.L.)**

Mrs. Sheila Holder to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the supply of electricity is an essential service for the well being of citizens of Guyana as far as their social, economic and environmental development are concerned,

AND WHEREAS the public utility, the Guyana Power & Light Co. (G.P.L.) is a monopoly operating in circumstances where there is no fixing of rates by a regulatory authority;

AND WHEREAS as a consequence there is no process for the containment of G.P.L.'s monopolistic market control:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly disapproves the recent increase tariff rates by the Guyana Power & Light Co.

*(Notice Paper No. 25 (M11 Opp3) published 2002-06-17)*

**BILLS - Second reading**

- \*3. **SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA  
(CONSTITUTION AND PROCEEDINGS) VALIDATION BILL 2001 -  
Bill No. 5/2001 published 17.5.2001**

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to move the second reading of the following  
Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to validate the constitution and  
proceedings of the Seventh Parliament of the Co-operative Republic  
of Guyana, constituted pursuant to the declaration on 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
December, 1997 of the results of the national and regional elections, and  
for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

**(Read a first time on 24.5.2001)**



S.E. ISAACS

**Clerk of the National Assembly**

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.**

**5<sup>th</sup> July, 2002.**

**\*Not to be proceeded with at this Sitting.**