

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 24TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (1990) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH JULY, 1990

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS -

OATHS -

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT -

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

No. 29 - REAGENTS AT LABORATORIES

Cde. Janet Jagan to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

- *QUESTION: (i) Can the Prime Minister say if there are sufficient reagents to supply all laboratories, including the blood transfusion centre?
- (ii) Is it true that a shortage of reagents curtailed laboratory investigations into AIDS (HIV), typhoid, hepatitis and diabetes sometime this year?
- (iii) Can the Prime Minister give an assurance that there will be no more shortage of reagents?

(Notice Paper No. 49 (Q23 Opp 23) published 1990-06-00)

No. 30 - FILARIASIS CASES

Cde. Janet Jagan to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

- *QUESTION: (i) Is there any increase in the number of filariasis cases?
- (ii) If so, what is the Ministry doing to test such cases?

(Notice Paper No. 50 (Q24 Opp 24) published 1990-06-00)

No. 31 - ALLEGATIONS OR CASES OF FRAUD AT SIMAP

Cde. Janet Jagai to ask the Vice-President, Culture and Social Development and Deputy Prime Minister the following question:

***QUESTION:** Are there any allegations or cases of fraud connected to the receipt and distribution of SIMAP funds and goods?

(Notice Paper No. 51 (Q25 Opp 25) published 1990-06-08)

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Minister of Agriculture the following question:

***QUESTION:** Has money been voted in the Region 6 estimates of expenditure for the year 1990 to accommodate the following works:-

- (a) repair of the No. 65 outfall koker?
- (b) building of dams giving access to farm lands and rice lands in particular? If so, in which villages?
- (c) completion of drains in No. 51 Village and re-digging of parts completed and replacement of box kokers so as to allow the village to be drained?
- (d) the breach in the river defence at Islington and the emergency situation there?

(Notice Paper No. 59 (Q33 Opp 33) published 1990-06-08)

No. 33 - AGREEMENT(S) WITH BOOKER/TATE

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development the following question:

***QUESTION:** Will the Minister lay on the table the agreement or agreements between the Guyana Sugar Corporation and/or the Government of Guyana and Booker/Tate as soon as they are signed?

(Notice Paper No. 60 (Q34 Opp 34) published 1990-06-08)

No. 34 - EFFECTS OF THE SWEETENER INDUSTRY ON THE MARKETING OF CANE SUGAR

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development the following question:

***QUESTION:** How will the involvement of Tate & Lyle in the sweetener industry, and its plan to build a polydextrose plant on the site of a sugar refinery in Canada affect the marketing of cane sugar as conceived by Booker/Tate?

(Notice Paper No. 61 (Q35 Opp 35) published 1990-06-08)

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. EXAMINATION OF ENTITIES TO BE DIVESTED

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the process of divestment be suspended and each entity proposed for divestment be subjected to a thorough examination by a special Parliamentary Committee to be constituted by all Parties represented in the National Assembly and that the said Committee be given the authority to consult and involve other political and socio-economic organisations and individuals in its work;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the said Committee report its findings and/or recommendations to the Assembly within the shortest possible time and well in advance of the General Elections.

(Notice Paper No. 31 (M15 Opp 9) published 1990-03-21)

2. INCREASE IN PERSONAL INCOME TAX ALLOWANCES

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls upon the Government to increase Personal Income Tax Allowances in all categories commensurate with the drastic increase in the cost of living.

(Notice Paper No. 32 (M16 Opp 10) published 1990-03-21)

3. DELHI DECLARATION

Cde. Janet Jagan to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Delhi Declaration on Principles for a Nuclear Free and Non-Violent World made by Rajiv Gandhi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India and Mikhail Gorbachyov, General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, in New Delhi on November 27, 1986 included ten principles, as follows:-

- (1) Peaceful coexistence must become the Universal norm of international relations;
- (2) Human life must be recognised as supreme;
- (3) Non-violence should be the basis of community life;
- (4) Understanding and trust must replace fear and suspicion;
- (5) The right of every state to political and economic independence must be recognised and respected;
- (6) Resources being spent on armaments must be channelled towards social and economic developments;
- (7) Conditions must be guaranteed for the individual's harmonious development;
- (8) Mankind's material and intellectual potential must be used to solve global problems;
- (9) The "balance of terror" must give way to comprehensive international security;
- (10) A nuclear weapon free and non-violent world requires specific and immediate action for disarmament;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly unanimously endorses and supports the Delhi Declaration and calls upon the Guyana Government to do so in the United Nations and all other fora in the world as the occasion warrants.

(Notice Paper No. 33 (M17 Opp 11) published 1990-03-21)

4. ASSIGNMENT OF WOMEN JUDGES TO RAPE CASES

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That women Judges be assigned to preside at the hearing of rape cases as far as is practicable.

(Notice Paper No. 40 (M22 Opp 13) published 1990-06-08)

5. EVIDENCE AND PROCEDURE IN RAPE CASES

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly agrees that the laws of evidence and procedure be reviewed by the Attorney General to provide in cases of rape for the following:-

- (i) the victim's name be withheld from publication
- (ii) the preliminary hearing and trial of persons charged with rape be held in camera
- (iii) the cross-examination of the complainant as regards previous sexual relations be limited to her sexual relations with the accused and not generally
- (iv) the panel of jury to be comprised of six men and six women;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the relevant amendments to the laws be introduced for approval of the National Assembly without delay.

(Notice Paper No. 41 (M23 Opp 14) published 1990-06-08)

BILLS - Second Reading

EQUAL RIGHTS BILL 1990 - Bill No. 5/1990 published 1990-03-17

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to make provision for the enforcement of the principles enshrined in article 29 of the Constitution so as to secure equality for women and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 1990-03-19)

*7. FAMILY AND DEPENDANTS PROVISION BILL 1990 - Bill No. 6/1990 published 1990-03-17

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act empowering the Court to make provision out of the estate of a deceased person for the spouse, child, child of the family or dependant of that person; and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 1990-03-19)

*8. MARRIED PERSONS (PROPERTY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 7/1990 published 1990-03-17

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Married Persons (Property) Act.

(Read a first time on 1990-03-19)

* 9. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 8/1990 published 1990-03-24

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Registration of Births and Deaths Act.

(Read a first time on 1990-03-23)

* 10. LOCAL DEMOCRATIC ORGANS (ELECTIONS) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 23/1990

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

A Bill intituled An Act to make provision for the election of members of local democratic organs, for the preparation of electoral registers for the purposes of such elections, for the determination of disputes in connection with such elections and of disputes in connection with elections to certain offices in local democratic organs and for matters incidental to and connected with the aforesaid matters.

(Read a first time on 1990-07-11)

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1990-07-12

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting