

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 33RD SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1986-1987) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 4TH MARCH, 1987

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS -

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT -

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER - *See Notes*

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

By the Minister of Finance:

Reports (7) of the Auditor General on  
on the Accounts of the Mahaica-  
Mahaicony-Abary Agricultural  
Development Authority for the years  
1979 - 1985.

(ST: 25/2/2/13)(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

Speaker: As Mr. Kwayana is on leave, the questions at  
Nos. 9 to 14 on the Order Paper will be deferred.  
We will therefore proceed with the questions  
from No. 15. Cde. Janet Jagan.

- (a) Fire Service?
- (b) Police Service?
- (c) Guyana National Service?
- (d) Guyana Defence Force?
- (e) Pure Water Supply?
- (f) Non-drug hospital supplies?

(Notice Paper No. 41 published 1986-05-20)



(2) For Oral Answers

No. 10 - Private Members' Business

Mr. Kwayana to ask the Minister of Regional Development the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister say how many motions in the last Parliament by Minority Parties were -

- (a) given as notice, and
- (b) debated in the National Assembly?
- (ii) Will the Minister say -
  - (a) how many sittings of the National Assembly were held during the Fourth Parliament, and
  - (b) how many sittings were devoted to Private Members' motions?
- (iii) Is it the Government's policy to delay the answers to questions until they are no longer useful?
- (iv) Is it the Government's policy to answer questions as soon as the efficiency of the respective Ministries will allow?

(Notice Paper No. 42 published 1986-05-20.)

No. 11 - Housing accommodation

Mr. Kwayana to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) Is the Prime Minister aware of the eviction of Ms Christine Edgill from her lawful occupancy of a dwelling in North East La Penitence, YY24, on or about April 24, 1986?
- (ii) Will the Prime Minister name the authority responsible for the eviction of Ms Edgill from her lawful tenancy of YY 24 North East La Penitence on or about April 24, 1986?
  - (iii) Does the Prime Minister maintain the statement in the Assembly on March 17 that no strangers have been imposed by the Ministry on the lawful occupants of houses in the Government housing estates?
  - (iv) Does the Prime Minister propose to promote an enquiry into the allegations against a senior housing officer of demanding sexual favours from female applicants for housing accommodation?

(Notice Paper No. 43 published 1986-05-20)

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No. 12 - Compensation for Loss of Employment

Mr. Kwayana to ask the Minister of Labour the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister say what compensatory arrangements exist for employees of the private sector who have given over 15 years' service and lose their jobs because the firm ceased operations?

(Notice Paper No. 44 published 1986-05-20)

\*No. 13 - Cattle Rustling in the Rupununi

Mr. Kwayana to ask the Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs the following question:

(i) Is it true that in or about the month of March 1986 a special police detachment was dispatched to the Rupununi to investigate the rustling of cattle?

(ii) Is it true that as a result of their visit a number of Rupununi residents were arrested and charged?

(iii) What is the number of residents charged with offences connected with cattle rustling or arising out of the visit of the special police detachment?

(iv) Is it true that, following reports of police brutality during the investigation mentioned in question (i), the Government dispatched a mission to the Rupununi to investigate?

(v) If a mission was dispatched will the Minister of State say who comprised it and what were its findings?

(vi) Can the Minister of State say whether the residents charged are represented by counsel?

(Notice Paper No. 45 published 1986-05-20)

\*No. 14 - Assets of the Late President of Guyana

Mr. Kwayana to ask the Minister of Finance the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister, in view of the fact that he was not a private citizen and stood as Head of the Guyana Government from December 14, 1964 to August 6, 1985, investigate the assets wherever held of the late President of Guyana, Mr. Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham, and make a report on their nature and their gross and net value, with the necessary information to the Guyanese people, taking into account widespread public interest in the matter?

(Notice Paper No. 48 published 1986-05-30)

No. 15 - Rental of Belfield House

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

QUESTION: (i) Is it true that the Government has rented Belfield House, East Coast Demerara, from the owner, Ms. Viola Burnham, for the use of Mr. L.F.S. Burnham up to the time of his death in August, 1985?

~~(ii)~~ If so, will the Prime Minister state what the rental was and for what period it was paid?

(iii) Will the Prime Minister state the total sum of money expended on improving security and other developments at Belfield House?

(Notice Paper No. 49 published 1986-05-30)

No. 16 - Preservation of Body of Late President of Guyana

Cde. Janet Jagan to ask the Minister of Finance the following question:

(i) Will the Minister say what is the cost to send the body of the late President, Mr. L.F.S. Burnham, to and from Moscow, and what will be the total cost of the preservation process?

(ii) What will be the cost of building the Mausoleum and estimated annual maintenance costs?

(Notice Paper No. 50 published 1986-05-30)

No. 17 - Good Shepherd Primary School and Headteacher's House, Barima River

Cde. Nokta to ask the Vice-President, Education and Social Development, and Deputy Prime Minister the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Is the Minister aware that the Good Shepherd Primary School, Barima River, North West District, is in bad shape with practically no walls, and that the compound is flooded every high tide with about two feet of water?

(ii) Further, is the Minister aware that the Headteacher's house for the said school has no kitchen and that a room in the school is used for that purpose?

(iii) Will the Minister say how soon both the school and Headteacher's house will be repaired and the compound protected from flooding?

(Notice Paper No. 51 published 1986-05-30)

18 - Repairs to T & HD Stelling at Wakenaam

Cde. Nokta to ask the Minister of Communications and Works the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister say how long ago work on repairs to the Transport and Harbours Department Stelling at Wakenaam commenced, and how soon will the work be completed?

(ii) Will the Minister also say how much money was voted for the job, how much has been spent and whether it will be completed within the voted provision?

(Notice Paper No. 52 published 1986-05-30)

No. 19 - Leak on M.V. Lukanani

Cde. Nokta to ask the Minister of Communications and Works the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Is the Minister aware that the Transport and Harbours Department Ferry Boat, M.V. Lukanani, which plies the Parika-Leguan service, sprang a leak on April 15, 1986, in mid-stream with an estimated 250 passengers on board, creating a situation of near panic?

(ii) Is he aware that, because the vessel has no pump the water being shipped had to be baled out by a bucket brigade?

(iii) Will the Minister say -

(a) how many life jackets were available at the time, and

(b) whether or not regular inspections are made to ensure the vessel's sea-worthiness?

(Notice Paper No. 53 published 1986-05-30)

No. 20 - Rental of Building for Guyana Committee for Solidarity and Peace

The Minority Leader to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Prime Minister say whether the rental of the building situate at 274A Peter Rose Street, Queenstown, Georgetown, for use by the Guyana Committee for Solidarity and Peace is being met from Public Funds and, if so, from what Head and Sub-head in the Estimates?

(Notice Paper No. 54 published 1986-05-30)

No. 21 - Importation of Cloth

The Minority Leader to ask the Minister of Trade and Tourism the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister say whether or not it is true that Ms Cheryl Lopes was given a licence to import 50,000 yards of cloth (ends) at approximately US\$1.00 per yard and that the cloth was sold to Guyana Stores at G\$56.00 in December, 1985?
- (ii) Will the Minister say whether any foreign currency was released for this transaction?
- (iii) If so, what was the actual amount of foreign currency involved?

(Notice Paper No. 55 published 1986-05-31)

No. 22 - Tabling of Trade Agreements

The Minority Leader to ask the Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development, the following question:

- QUESTION: When will the Minister table in the National Assembly the three Trade Agreements signed recently in Caracas, Venezuela, with -
- (a) the Venezuelan oil company MARAVEN S.A. for the supply of petroleum products,
- (b) the Interamericana De Alumina (INTERALUMINA) under which Guyana will supply directly to Venezuela substantial quantities of metallurgical grade bauxite during 1986 and 1987, and
- (c) the Venezuelan Investment Fund (VIF) and the Bank of Guyana - a deposit agreement designed to facilitate (a) and (b) above?

(Notice Paper No. 56 published 1986-05-30)

\*No. 23 - Rice Mill from the G.D.R.

The Minority Leader to ask the Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister say when the Rice Mill from the GDR arrived in the country?
- (ii) Will the Minister say also when will work commence on the installation of the Mill and where will it be set up?

(Notice Paper No. 57 published 1986-05-31)



\*No. 24 - Market at Parika

Cde. Nokta to ask the Minister of Regional Development the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister say how soon the construction of a market at Parika, East Bank Essequibo, which was commenced in October, 1984, and was due to be completed by December 31 that year, will be resumed and when the Market will be opened?

(Notice Paper No. 58 published 1986-05-31)

\*No. 25 - Cost of Gasolene

The Minority Leader to ask the Minister of Trade and Tourism the following question:

QUESTION: Of the current retail price - \$7.45 per gallon - of gasolene, will the Minister say what is the landed cost per gallon, the Government tax and the profit margin to the filling stations?

(Notice Paper No. 59 published 1986-05-31)

\*No. 26 - Tabling and Circulation of Publications

The Minority Leader to ask the Minister of Information and the Public Service the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister say whether the two publications -

(a) An Analysis of the Presidential, National and Regional Elections of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, December 9, 1985, and

(b) Guyana General Elections, December 9, 1985 -

will be tabled in the National Assembly, and if so, when?

(ii) If not, why not?

(iii) Will the Minister ensure that all publications by the Ministry of Information and by other Ministries, for local and overseas distribution are circulated to Members of Parliament?

(Notice Paper No. 60 published 1986-05-31)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS - (By the Prime Minister)

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS -

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE - K K (Cde. Janet Jayson)

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

PUBLIC BUSINESS -

BILLS - Second Reading

- \*1. MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 -  
Bill No. 12/1986 published 1986-10-29

The Minister of Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the  
Municipal and District Councils Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-11-03)

- \*2. LOCAL DEMOCRATIC ORGANS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 -  
Bill No. 13/1986 published 1986-10-29

The Minister of Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the  
Local Democratic Organs Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-11-03)

- \*3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 14/1986  
published 1986-10-29

The Minister of Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the  
Local Government Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-11-03)

- \*4. GUYANA GOLD BOARD (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 16/1986  
published 1987-01-10

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the  
Guyana Gold Board Act 1981.

(Read a first time on 1986-12-22)

\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting.

- \*5. GUYANA GEOLOGY AND MINES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986  
Bill No. 17/1986 published 1987-01-10

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the  
Guyana Geology and Mines Commission  
Act 1979.

(Read a first time on 1986-12-22)

- \*6. EXPORT AND IMPORT (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986  
Bill No. 18/1986 published 1987-01-10

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the  
Export and Import (Special Provisions)  
Act 1986.

(Read a first time on 1986-12-29)

- \*7. FISCAL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 - Bill No. 1/1987

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the  
Evidence Act, the Tax Act, the Income  
Tax Act, the Capital Gains Tax Act and  
the Property Tax Act, and to repeal the  
National Development Surtax Act.

(Read a first time on 1987-01-20)

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1987-03-02

\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting.