

THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE 28TH JANUARY, 1989
LEGAL SUPPLEMENT – B

GUYANA

No. 3 of 1989.

ORDER

Made Under

THE PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ACT 1988

(No. 21 of 1988)

IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON THE MINISTER
BY SECTIONS 3, 4 AND 5 OF THE PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ACT,
I HEREBY MAKE THE FOLLOWING ORDER :-

1. This Order may be cited as the Guyana Public ^{Citation,}
Communications Agency Order 1989.

2. In this Order —

Interpretation

(a) "Agency" means the Guyana Public Communica-
tions Agency established by clause 3;

(b) "concerned Minister" means the Minister
assigned responsibility for the Agency or, where
there is no such Minister, the President.

3.(1) There is hereby established a public corporation to ^{Establishment}
be known as the Guyana Public Communications Agency. ^{of Guyana}
^{Public Com-}
^{munications}
^{Agency}

(2) The Agency shall be a corporation sole consisting of
a managing director, to be appointed by the concerned Minister.

(3) In addition to performing the functions conferred upon the corporation sole, the aforesaid managing director shall in accordance with section 4 (6) of the Act, perform the functions conferred upon the Chairman and deputy chairman of a corporation aggregate under the Act and shall have the title "Executive Chairman of the Guyana Public Communications Agency."

Functions
of Agency,

4. (1) The Agency shall perform the professional functions which were, immediately before the commencement of this Order, being performed by the various Units of the Ministry of Information and, in particular, the functions being performed by the following Units of that Ministry-

- (a) the Public Information and Public Relations Unit, including the National News Agency
- (b) the International Public Relations Unit
- (c) the Development Support, Communication Unit;
- (d) the Communications Training Unit;
- (e) the Media Technology Unit; and
- (f) the Visual Production Centre.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph (1), the functions conferred upon the Agency shall include —

- (a) developing and professionally managing a national public information and public relations service, including co-ordinating all sectoral and regional public information and media services of the Ministries and Departments of the government, and corporations and other organisations in the public sector, so as to support the Government's development priorities programmes, plans and projects;
- (b) the development, management and implementation of a National Development Support Communication system in association with the Ministry of Planning and Development and other sectoral Ministries and Agencies.
- (c) the production of Development Support Communication materials and provision of Development Support Communication Extension Support service:

- (d) undertaking research into various aspects relating to communications;
- (e) representing to the public in and outside Guyana the point of view of the Government on events and developments in and outside Guyana;
- (f) planning and co-ordinating the acquisition of modern and appropriate public communications technology by the Ministries and Departments of the Government, by statutory bodies and authorities, including local democratic organs, and by public sector undertakings;
- (g) promoting and highlighting the achievements of the Government and people of Guyana in all fields of activity, especially with regard to the economic, social and cultural development of Guyana;
- (h) promoting Guyana's public image and achievements internationally;
- (i) promoting, persuading and maintaining public attitudes favourable to, and in support of, the nation's development priorities;
- (j) organising and maintaining an information archive to document and preserve information on all aspects of national life.

(3) The Agency may, with the approval of the concerned Minister and where the performance of such functions is not likely to be in conflict with the performance of its functions under paragraphs (1) and (2), provide, to any individual, body corporate or other person, services relating to publicity, public relations or mass communications on payment of such fees, costs or charges as may be agreed to between the Agency and such individual, body corporate or other persons.

(4) For carrying out its functions under the preceding paragraphs the Agency may establish offices outside Guyana or may enter into arrangements with persons outside Guyana.

5. The movable property of the State referred to in the Schedule shall vest in the Agency with effect from the commencement of this Order. Vesting of Assets.

SCHEDULE

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1. All the furniture and other furnishings, office and communications equipment, motor vehicles and other means of transport provided to the various Units of the Ministry of Information immediately before the commencement of this Order.

2. Books, documents and other records relating to the professional functions of the Ministry of Information, in the possession of that Ministry immediately before the commencement of this Order.

Made this 23rd. day of January, 1989.

H. D. Hoyte
President.