

FIRST SESSION

1957 - 1958

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution) (Temporary Provisions) Orders in Council, 1953 and 1956, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

on

TUESDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1958.

PRESENT:

Hon. Financial Secretary, Mr. F.W. Essex - Chairman.
 Hon. Minister of Trade and Industry - Dr. C.B. Jagan.
 Hon. Minister of Community Development and Education -
 Mr. B.H. Benn.
 Hon. Minister of Natural Resources - Mr. E.B. Beharry.
 Hon. Minister of Labour, Health and Housing - Mrs. Janet Jagan.
 Hon. Minister of Communications and Works - Mr. Ram Karran.
 Mr. F. Bowman
 Mr. B.S. Rai
 Mr. S.M. Saffee
 Mr. W.O.R. Kendall
 Mr. S. Campbell
 Mr. A.L. Jackson
 Mr. R.B. Gajraj
 Mr. R.C. Tello
 Mr. R.E. Davis
 Mr. A.M. Fredericks
 Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

with Mr. E.V. Viapree, Assistant Clerk of the Legislature,
 Clerk to the Committee,
 and Mr. E.D. Ford, Assistant Secretary, Finance Committee.

Absent

Mr. Ajodha Singh
 Mr. L.F.S. Burnham
 Mr. Jai Narine Singh
 Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard.

A G E N D A

Consideration of the 1958 Draft Estimates
 (Recurrent and Development).

Mr. E.H. Barrow, Commissioner of Housing (Ag.) was present during consideration of HEAD 6 - CENTRAL HOUSING AND PLANNING AUTHORITY and HEAD IX - HOUSING (DEVELOPMENT).

Mr. D.L.B. Wickham, Commissioner of Local Government, was present during consideration of HEAD 25 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HEAD 25A - LOCAL GOVERNMENT - SOCIAL WELFARE, HEAD 44 - SOCIAL ASSISTANCE, and those subheads of HEAD 33 - MISCELLANEOUS, SUBVENTIONS, ETC. OTHER THAN MUNICIPAL which concerned the Local Government Department.

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Mr. F.C.R. Pollard, Social Welfare Officer (Ag.) was present during consideration of subheads 51 to 63, i.e. SOCIAL WELFARE of HEAD 33 - MISCELLANEOUS, SUBVENTIONS, ETC. OTHER THAN MUNICIPAL.

Mr. L.F. Candy, Superintendent of Prisons (Ag.) was present during consideration of HEAD 40 - PRISONS.

Committee considered and approved of the following Heads of Expenditure:-

| HEAD | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
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| 43 - <u>REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES</u> .. passed as printed .. | \$ 63,965:- |
| 6 - <u>CENTRAL HOUSING AND PLANNING AUTHORITY</u> .. passed as printed .. | \$ 120,000:- |
| IX - <u>HOUSING (DEVELOPMENT)</u> - passed as printed .. | \$2,020,775:- |
| 50 - <u>LOANS FROM PUBLIC FUNDS</u> - passed as printed .. | \$ 220,000:- |

25 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1. PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS.

(i) At the request of the Chairman, item (14) - 8 Revenue Runners, was increased by one, from 8 to 9; and

(ii) Item (16) - 10 Messengers, was reduced by one, from 10 to 9.

The amounts provided against these items (i.e. \$10,741: and \$10,847:) remained the same.

EXTRAORDINARY.

Subhead 13. Purchase of two Launches .. \$72,000:-

Committee considered that expenditure on this subhead should be reserved.

HEAD 25 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT was passed at .. \$ 433,144:-

25A - LOCAL GOVERNMENT - SOCIAL WELFARE - passed as printed \$ 113,717:-

44 - SOCIAL ASSISTANCE - passed as printed.. \$1,701,588:-

33 - MISCELLANEOUS - SUBVENTIONS, ETC. OTHER THAN MUNICIPAL -

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Subhead 22. Special Grant to the Drainage and Irrigation Board in lieu of rates for maintenance of incomplete drainage works in drainage areas .. \$20,081:-

HEAD AMOUNT

At the request of the Chairman,
this subhead was reduced by
12,895:- i.e. from 29,08 :-
to \$16,186:-

- Subhead 23. Grants to Village Authorities towards Administrative Expenses - passed as printed .. \$ 5,933:-
- Subhead 24. Morawhanna Country District Grant to - passed as printed .. \$ 400:-
- Subhead 47. Special Grants to Drainage Areas to reduce rate assessments .. \$151,251:- ..

At the request of the Chairman, this subhead was increased by \$8,892:- i.e. from \$151,251:- to \$160,143:-

SOCIAL WELFARE.

- Subhead 51. Grant to Salvation Army for After Care work - passed as printed .. \$ 1,560:-
- Subhead 52. Grant to Young Men's Christian Association - passed as printed .. \$ 2,650:-
- Subhead 53. Grant to Salvation Army for Belfield Girls' School - Maintenance expenses - passed as printed .. \$ 9,550:-
- Subhead 54. Grant to Young Women's Christian Association - passed as printed .. \$ 1,800:-
- Subhead 55. Grant to Girl Guides Association - passed as printed .. \$ 1,000:-
- Subhead 56. Grant to Boy Scouts Association - passed as printed .. \$ 1,000:-
- Subhead 57. Grant to Discharged Prisoners Aid Committee - passed as printed .. \$ 4,000:-
- Subhead 58. Grant to Salvation Army for Social work - passed as printed .. \$ 1,440:-
- Subhead 59. Remand Home for Boys - passed as printed .. \$ 3,960:-
- Subhead 60. Grant to Methodist Church, Clubland - passed as printed .. \$ 750:-
- Subhead 61. Grant to Children's Dorcas Club - passed as printed .. \$ 2,000:-

| HEAD | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
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| SOCIAL WELFARE (Contd.) | |
| Subhead 62. Catholic Youth Organisation - Grant - passed as printed .. | 750:- |
| Subhead 63. Grant to Boys' Brigade and Girls Guildry - passed as printed .. | \$ 500:- |
| <u>HEAD 40 - PRISONS</u> - passed as printed .. | \$494,444:- |
| <u>HEAD 47 - PROBATION SERVICE.</u> | |

This Head was re-committed and Committee deleted Subhead 5 - Extra Mural Work Scheme .. \$500:- under OTHER CHARGES, as the Scheme was transferred to HEAD 40 - PRISONS, Subhead 20.

The HEAD was accordingly reduced by \$500:-
and passed at .. \$ 57,926:-

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| <u>XVII - SOCIAL WELFARE (DEVELOPMENT)</u> - passed as printed .. | \$ 15,100:- |
| <u>XVIII - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DEVELOPMENT)</u> - passed as printed .. | \$ 79,586:- |
| <u>VIII - HEALTH (DEVELOPMENT).</u> | |

At the request of the Chairman, the above Head was re-committed and a new Subhead, viz. 7. Water Supply, Port Mourant Hospital, inserted.

The sum of \$20,000:- was provided
therefor.

The HEAD was accordingly increased by
\$20,000:- and passed at .. \$323,793:-

The Meeting terminated at 6.15 p.m.

Confirmed,

Chairman,
Finance Committee.

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature,
Clerk to the Committee.