

# BRITISH GUIANA

## FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

### SECOND SESSION

1962 — 1963

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 37th Sitting of the Legislative Assembly of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution) Order in Council, 1961, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

at 2.00 p.m.

on

MONDAY, 20TH MAY, 1963

*Present*

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R. B. Gajraj.

(a) *Members of the Government*

*People's Progressive Party*

(i) *Ministers*

Dr. the Honourable C. B. Jagan,

*Premier and Minister of Development and Planning.*

The Honourable B. H. Benn,

*Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Lands.*

The Honourable Ram Karran,

*Minister of Works and Hydraulics.*

The Honourable R. Chandisingh,

*Minister of Labour, Health and Housing.*

Dr. the Honourable Charles Jacob, Jr.,

*Minister of Finance.*

Dr. the Honourable F. H. W. Ramsahoye,

*Attorney-General.*

The Honourable E. M. G. Wilson,

*Minister of Communications.*

(ii) *Parliamentary Secretaries*

Mr. G. Bowman,

*Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs.*

Mr. L. E. M. Mann,

*Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education and Social Development.*



Mr. S. M. Saffee,

*Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Lands.*

*iii) Other Members*

Mr. M. Bhagwan

Mr. J. B. Caldeira

Mr. V. Downer

Mr. M. Hamid

Mr. D. C. Jagan

Mr. H. Lall

Mr. M. Shakoor

*Members Constituting the Minority*

*(i) People's National Congress*

Mr. L. F. S. Burnham, Q.C.

Mr. W. O. R. Kendall,

*Deputy Speaker.*

Mr. J. Carter, Q.C.

Mr. E. F. Correia

Mr. N. J. Bissember

Mr. W. A. Blair

Mr. R. S. S. Hugh

Mr. J. G. Joaquin

Mr. R. J. Jordan

Mr. C. A. Merriman

Mr. H. M. S. Wharton

*(ii) United Force*

Mr. P. S. d'Aguiar

Mr. S. Campbell

Mr. R. E. Cheeks

Mr. E. E. Melville

Clerk of the Legislature — Mr. E. V. Viapree (Ag.)

Senior Clerk — Mr. B. M. Viapree.

*Absent:*

Mr. G. L. Robertson

Mr. B. S. Rai

*Prayers*

The Clerk read prayers.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS****MOTION****Item 1 — MOTION RE CONTINUATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY**

The Assembly resumed the debate on the following motion:

WHEREAS on the 8th day of May, 1963, Proclamation No. 2 of 1963 was made by the Governor declaring a public emergency for the purposes of article 14 of the Constitution of British Guiana:

AND WHEREAS the said Proclamation was laid before both Chambers of the Legislature in pursuance of the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (3) of the said articles:

AND WHEREAS the said Proclamation shall be of effect for fourteen days beginning on the 8th day of May, 1963, in terms of paragraph (b) of the said article unless the Legislature resolves that it shall be of effect for a further period not exceeding three months from the date on which it would otherwise expire.

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That Proclamation No. 2 of 1963 made on the 8th day of May, 1963, do continue in force until the 15th day of August, 1963, unless sooner revoked.

Mr. d'Aguiar resumed and concluded his speech on the motion.

***Suspension of Sitting.***

At 4.00 p.m. Mr. Carter was speaking to the motion when the sitting was suspended for tea.

***Resumption of Sitting***

At 4.40 p.m. the sitting was resumed and Mr. Carter concluded his speech.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Campbell was speaking to the motion when the sitting was adjourned to 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 21st May, 1963.

Rahman B. Gajraj,  
Speaker.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS,**  
Georgetown,  
21st May, 1963.