

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SECOND SESSION

1962 — 1963

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 35th Sitting of the Legislature 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

THURSDAY, 16TH 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. G. L. Robertson

Mr. M. Bhagwan

Mr. J. B. Caldeira

Mr. V. Downer

Mr. M. Hamid

Mr. D. C. Jagan

Mr. H. Lall

Mr. M. Shakoor

(b) 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'Aguir

Mr. S. Campbell

Mr. R. E. Cheeks

Mr. E. E. Melville

(iii) Independent

Mr. B. S. Rai

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

Senior Clerk — Mr. B. M. Viapree.

Prayers

The Clerk read prayers.

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

Question No. 13

Mr. R. E. Charles asked the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education and Social Development the following question:

- QUESTION:** (i) Is it a fact that Government proposes to open a secondary school in Ruimveldt after the Easter Holidays?
- (ii) If the answer is in the affirmative, will Government state whether a Headteacher has been selected without the vacancy being advertised?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education and Social Development gave the following reply:

- ANSWER:** (i) Yes, a Government Secondary School has been opened at Ruimveldt.
- (ii) A Headmaster has not yet been selected but an Education Officer has been seconded to act as Headmaster, pending the filling of the vacancy which has been advertised.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

Item 1 – MOTION RE CONTINUATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY.

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Development and Planning moved 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 article:

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.

Suspension of Sitting

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

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.45 p.m. the sitting was resumed and **Mr. Merriman** concluded his speech.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.30 p.m. **Mr. Bhagwan** was speaking to the motion when the sitting was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, the 17th of May, 1963.

R ahman B. Gajraj,
Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown,
17th May, 1963.