

PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY, 22ND JUNE, 1966

No. 18

2.30 p.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister whether he will give early consideration to (a) making Pesiaran Keliling a one-way street; (b) permitting the extension of bus services into the Macpherson Housing Estate; and (c) the parking of vehicles on one side only of Pesiaran Keliling.
- *2. Mr. P. Govindaswamy: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister whether arrangements will be made for the parking test of applicants for driving licences, carried out on the roadway in front of the new community centre under construction behind the Traffic Police Office at Maxwell Road, to be conducted at some other place when the community centre is completed.
- *3. Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister whether complaints made in the Tamil dailies about not using the Tamil language for the Highway Code Test for the issue of driving licences were brought to his attention, and whether he will appoint persons to conduct the Highway Code Test in Tamil also, as it is done in Malay, Mandarin and English.
- *4. Mr. S. Rajoo: To ask the Minister of Defence if he will consider the building of a community centre on the children's playground opposite No. 130 Race Course Road.
- *5. Mr. P. Govindaswamy: To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many beds there are in each hospital, giving separate figures for beds in the different classes, where applicable; (b) whether the number of beds in each type of hospital is adequate to meet present needs; (c) whether there is a programme for expansion of hospital bed accommodation to meet future needs, and if he will give details; and (d) if he will consider setting up an emergency unit at the Thomson Road Hospital for the treatment of casualties.
- *6. Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi: To ask the Minister for Finance whether the Government will give house numbers to the houses built before 1st April, 1960, in Alsagoff Estate whose house owners are paying ground rent to the landlords or their agents.
- *7. Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs (a) who sponsored the recent shows by Hong Kong stars at the National Theatre; (b) what was the total collection; (c) what was the total expenditure; and (d) what was the net profit.

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- *8. Mr. P. Govindaswamy: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether he is aware that the drainage in the kampong at Palmer Road is inadequate and if he will take steps to improve it.
- *9. Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether the Government will give first priority to requests for rural development projects, such as the improvement of roads, drainage, street-lighting and other public amenities for the Kampong Kembangan Constituency.
- *10. Inche Mohd Ariff bin Suradi: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development when will Jalan Senana, Jalan Lapang, Jalan Senyum and Jalan Selamat be made up.
- *11. Mr. R. A. Gonzales: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development what steps are being taken to ease the traffic congestion at the two pedestrian crossings near the Tampines Circus and whether any steps are being taken to construct an overhead bridge for pedestrians at this locality.
- *12. Mr. Ng Yeow Chong: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether he is aware that during the monsoon season practically the whole area along Tanjong Katong Road is flooded, and whether the Government has any plan to alleviate the situation.
- *13. Mr. Ng Yeow Chong: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether the Government proposes to take over the service road (between Crescent Road and Tanjong Katong Road) parallel to Mountbatten Road as a public road, and when.
- *14. Mr. Ng Yeow Chong: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether the Government proposes to take over Gray Lane off Tanjong Katong Road as a public road, and when.
- *15. Mr. R. A. Gonzales: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether the road-widening scheme now in progress along Upper Serangoon Road includes the demolition of the row of shop-houses facing Yio Chu Kang Road, and when will those houses be demolished.
- *16. Mr. R. A. Gonzales: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development, in view of the heavy traffic along Cheng San Road which connects Serangoon Gardens Estate with Sembawang Hill Estate, whether and what steps are being taken to metal this road.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

1. Minister for Finance:
(President's recommendation to be signified)
Supplementary Supply Bill.
2. Deputy Prime Minister:
Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill.

3. Minister for Law and National Development:
Pawnbrokers (Amendment) Bill.
4. Minister for Law and National Development:
Judicial Committee Bill.
5. Minister for Finance:
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)
Bretton Woods Agreements Bill.

[The Member in charge proposes, on a Certificate of Urgency under S.O. 80, to proceed with this Bill throughout all its stages until the Bill has been read the third time.]

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(*Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.*)

- 1. First Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1966 of Singapore (Cmd. 9 of 1966) — Committee of Supply (*Allotted Day*).
- 2. Legitimacy (Amendment) Bill (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
- 3. Advocates and Solicitors (Amendment) Bill (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
- 4. Land Acquisition Bill (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.
[The Government intends that this Bill, after being read a second time, be committed to a Select Committee.]
- 5. Government Proceedings (Amendment) Bill (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
- 6. Housing and Development (Amendment) Bill (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
- 7. Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (Minister of State (Prime Minister's Department)) — Second Reading.†

[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 10 dated 22nd June, 1966.]

† The Committee Stage and Third Reading will be moved immediately after the Second Reading.

8. Minister for Finance:

DEPARTMENTAL TITLES: That this Parliament, pursuant to section 3 of the Departmental Titles (Alteration) Ordinance (Chapter 55), resolves that the Schedule to the said Ordinance be amended by the deletion under the headings of "Old Title or Name of Office" and "New Title or Name of Office" respectively of the items shown in Part I of the following Schedule, and by the addition under the headings of "Old Title or Name of

Office” and “New Title or Name of Office” respectively of the items shown in Part II of the following Schedule: —

THE SCHEDULE.

Old Title or Name of Office.	New Title or Name of Office.
Part I.	
Commissioner of Customs and Excise.	Comptroller of Customs.
Superintendent of Excise.	Senior Customs Officer.
Assistant Superintendent of Excise.	Customs Officer.
Probationer Assistant Superintendent of Excise.	Customs Cadet.
Assistant Supervisor of Customs.	Preventive Officer.
Deputy Commissioner of Excise.	} Senior Assistant Comptroller of Customs.
Assistant Comptroller of Customs.	
Junior Customs Officer.	Assistant Customs Officer.
Customs Officer.	Higher Customs Officer.
Assistant Customs Officer.	Customs Officer.
Preventive Officer.	Revenue Officer, Senior Grade.
Part II.	
Comptroller of Customs.	Comptroller of Customs and Excise.
Deputy Comptroller of Customs.	Deputy Comptroller of Customs and Excise.
Assistant Comptroller of Customs.	Assistant Comptroller of Customs and Excise.
Senior Customs Officer.	Senior Superintendent of Customs and Excise.
Higher Customs Officer.	Superintendent of Customs and Excise.
Customs Officer.	Assistant Superintendent of Customs and Excise.
Higher Revenue Officer.	Chief Customs Officer.
Revenue Officer, Senior Grade.	Senior Customs Officer.
Revenue Officer.	Customs Officer.

MEMORANDUM

Matter proposed to be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment (Standing Order 1 (8) (b)): —

Mr. S. Rajoo (Member for Farrer Park) ... Proposal for Integrated Tamil Schools.

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister whether he will consider revising the postage for local letters to the pre-Malaysia rate, i.e., ten cents.
 2. Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi: To ask the Minister for Education whether and when another primary school will be built at Kaki Bukit.
 3. Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi: To ask the Minister for Education whether non-Malay children, born in Singapore and adopted by Singapore-citizen Malays, are entitled to (i) free education from Primary to University level, and (ii) special Malay bursaries.
 4. Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether he is aware that the drains in Moonstone Lane, Opal Crescent, Ruby Lane, Topaz Road, Woodsville Road, Meyappa Chettiar Road and the surroundings are not cleaned properly and that the residents of those areas have complained about the breeding of mosquitoes, and whether the necessary action will be taken in the matter; and (b) whether he will cause the existing refuse bin centre at Meyappa Chettiar Road which is about ten feet away from the nearest houses to be removed.
 5. Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi: To ask the Minister for Labour whether a non-Malay child, born in Singapore and adopted by Malays, will be issued with the new citizenship identity card with his Malay name and Malay as his race appearing on it.
 6. Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs why, even after the completion of the National Theatre, request programmes over Radio Singapura are being broadcast to raise funds for the Theatre.
 7. Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether he will consider arranging for the proper parking of vehicles in the car parks provided by the Housing and Development Board in the Macpherson Housing Estate.
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PAPERS PRESENTED

<i>1966</i>	<i>Date presented</i>
Cmd. 6 Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the State of Singapore for the year 1964	30th April, 1966.
Cmd. 7 Financial Statements for the year 1964 ...	30th April, 1966.
Cmd. 8 Singapore National Library Annual Report 1963	23rd May, 1966.
Cmd. 9 First Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1966 of Singapore ...	26th May, 1966.
Cmd. 10 Annual Report of the Trade Division of the Ministry of Finance Singapore 1964	7th June, 1966.
Cmd. 11 Annual Report of the Social Welfare Department, 1963	18th June, 1966.

Misc. 1	Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund	18th June, 1966.
Misc. 2	Articles of Agreement of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	18th June, 1966.

Parl. 2.	Second Report of the Committee of Selection (First Session)	25th April, 1966.
Parl. 3	Report of the Select Committee on the Administration of Muslim Law Bill	31st May, 1966.

S. 5	Annual Report of the Lembaga Gerakan Pelajaran Dewasa, 1964	3rd May, 1966.

S.L. 20	Exportation (Certificates of Origin and Commonwealth Preference Certificates) Order, 1966	20th April, 1966.
S.L. 21	Deduction of Income Tax (Employments) Rules, 1966	16th May, 1966.
S.L. 22	Cinematograph Film Hire Duty Rules, 1966	8th June, 1966.
S.L. 23	Fees (Grading of Timber) Order, 1966 ...	9th June, 1966.
S.L. 24	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1966	9th June, 1966.
S.L. 25	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 7) Order, 1966	9th June, 1966.
