

PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

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MONDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1966

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2.30 p.m.

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OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Chor Yeok Eng (Member for Bukit Timah).

Mr. Ho Kah Leong (Member for Jurong).

Mr. Yeoh Ghim Seng (Member for Joo Chiat).

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. Teong Eng Siong: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister why a firm has been allowed to incorporate an advertisement in the fountain at the approach to the Paya Lebar International Airport; whether the firm pays a concession fee for the advertisement, and what is the fee for a year.
- *2. Mr. Sim Boon Woo: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister whether he is aware that there are people entering Singapore illegally along the coast at Mata Ikan and Padang Terbakar, and what action he has taken, or proposes to take, in the matter.
- *3. Mr. P. Govindaswamy: To ask the Minister of Defence, in the demonstration by Ngee Ann College students in front of the City Hall on 4th November, 1966, how many Police officers and how many students were injured, and how many students were treated for their injuries at the General Hospital.
- *4. Mr. Ho See Beng: To ask the Minister of Defence how many cases of gang-fights have been reported to the Police since the beginning of 1966, and how many of them took place in bars.
- *5. Mr. Chow Chiok Hock: To ask the Minister of Defence whether he is aware that the Prime Minister promised to build a community centre at the 7 m.s. Holland Road when he toured the Ulu Pandan Constituency on 13th February, 1966, and when the centre will be built.
- *6. Mr. S. Rajoo: To ask the Minister for Education, in the implementation of the policy of compulsory study of a second language in all secondary schools as from the beginning of 1966, whether (a) teaching facilities for second languages are provided in all Government and Government-aided secondary schools (including Mission schools), and language teachers are available for all the four languages in all the schools, irrespective of the number of students wishing to take a particular language; and (b)

all Government-aided secondary schools (including Mission schools) have been made to implement the policy and commence Tamil language classes, where formerly there were none.

- *7. Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister for Education, in view of the opportunity that can be afforded to anti-national elements to poison the minds of young children, if he will tighten up the supervision of kindergartens or consider bringing them within the state educational system.
- *8. Mr. Ng Kah Ting: To ask the Minister for Education whether and when an Integrated Primary School will be built in the Punggol Constituency in the vicinity of the 9th or 10th milestone Punggol Road.
- *9. Mr. Tang See Chim: To ask the Minister for Education whether he is considering building a secondary school in the Lim Chu Kang area to cater for the school children living in that area.
- *10. Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister for Health what is the policy in regard to the purchase by his Ministry of locally-produced medicines and drugs, which are comparable in quality to the corresponding imported articles, when the price of the locally-produced article is higher than that of the imported article.
- *11. Mr. P. Govindaswamy: To ask the Minister for Health what progress has been made in the control and eradication of mosquitoes in the Anson Constituency.
- *12. Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Minister for Health (a) to give the names of hospitals where there are institutional quarters provided for qualified specialists; and (b) whether he will consider providing such facilities to similar staff of other hospitals where there are no institutional quarters as they may be urgently required in emergencies when on call.
- *13. Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Minister for Health whether he will consider the addition of a "Mobile Unit", for providing Resuscitation Service, to the present ambulance fleet of the Kandang Kerbau Hospital to give a good and safe Maternity Service and when.
- *14. Mr. Ng Yeow Chong: To ask the Minister for Health if he will take steps to license the hawkers concentrated at the Housing and Development Board Housing Estate car park near Kampong Arang Road, the majority of whom are residents of the area, and to arrange for them to be re-sited elsewhere in the Housing Estate.
- *15. Mr. Ho See Beng: To ask the Minister for Finance how many first-class and second-class bar licences were issued during the period 1st January to 20th November, 1966, and how many first-class and second-class bars were there in Singapore on 20th November, 1966.
- *16. Mr. Teong Eng Siong: To ask the Minister for Labour whether he is aware that in the past 9 months there were about 6,000 accidents in industries of which 10 cases were fatal, 63 cases resulted in workers being maimed

for life and 627 cases resulted in workers being temporarily incapacitated; and if he will say what steps have been, or are being, taken to minimise industrial accidents in order to safeguard the lives of workers and the livelihood of their families.

- *17.** Mr. Ng Kah Ting: To ask the Minister for Labour (a) what is the total number of unemployed persons registered with the Labour Department as at 30th November, 1966; (b) since 1st January how many persons were successful in gaining employment through the assistance of the Employment Exchange of the Labour Department; and (c) what measures he will take to reduce the number of unemployed persons in the Republic.
- *18.** Mr. Ho See Beng: To ask the Minister for Labour if he has information of how many bar waitresses in Singapore are Singapore Citizens, and how many are non-Singapore Citizens from West Malaysia.
- *19.** Mr. Ng Yeow Chong: To ask the Minister for Labour whether persons born in Singapore, at present holding Malaysian identity cards and residing in Singapore, will be issued with new Singapore Citizen identity cards.
- *20.** Mr. Teong Eng Siong: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development when will the reconstruction and metalling of Wei Hua Road in the Sembawang Constituency be carried out.
- *21.** Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he will consider issuing a directive that the use of locally-manufactured materials, such as shutterboards, etc., where such materials meet the requisite standards and specifications, be stipulated when tenders are let out for Government, Housing and Development Board and other public projects, as a measure to promote local industries.
- *22.** Mr. Sim Boon Woo: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development what progress has been made in regard to the allocation of land for a Malay settlement at Ayer Gemuroh and when allocation will be made to the 290 applicants.
- *23.** Mr. Tang See Chim: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development what plans he has for the overall development of the Choa Chu Kang Constituency.
- *24.** Mr. Tang See Chim: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether he is aware that the resettlement policy of the Housing and Development Board as practised in the Choa Chu Kang Constituency is leading to the fragmentation of the farm lands there and is preventing farms from achieving an economic size whereby they can take advantage of modern scientific methods of farming and reduce costs of production; and what action he proposes to take to correct the situation.
- *25.** Mr. Chow Chiok Hock: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether he is aware that some farmers, residing at Holland Road and Ulu Pandan Road who were served with notices of removal

by Government, are not satisfied with alternative accommodation of flats offered to them, and if he will consider allocating alternative farm land to them.

- *26. Mr. Ng Yeow Chong: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he will take steps to widen or straighten the bend at Meyer Road opposite the former Sea View Hotel, in view of the many serious accidents at that point.
- *27. Mr. P. Govindaswamy: To ask the Minister of State (Prime Minister's Department) if he will consider the establishment of zebra crossings (i) at Anson Road in front of the Gan Eng Seng School and (ii) at Tanjong Pagar Road between Wallich Street and Tapah Street.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

1. Minister for Finance:
(President's recommendation to be signified)
Supply Bill.
 2. Minister for Finance:
(President's recommendation to be signified)
Supplementary Supply (No. 3) Bill.
 3. Minister for Finance:
(President's recommendation to be signified)
Final Supply (1963) Bill.
 4. Minister for Finance:
(President's recommendation to be signified)
Fees (Amendment) Bill.
 5. Minister for Culture and Social Affairs:
Holidays Bill.
 6. Minister for Culture and Social Affairs:
Societies Bill.
 7. Minister for Law and National Development:
Tourist Promotion Board (Amendment) Bill.
 8. Minister for Law and National Development:
Legal Profession Bill.
 9. Minister for Law and National Development:
Companies Bill.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

1. Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the House:

GIFT FROM HOUSE OF COMMONS: That this House expresses its warm appreciation of the generous gift of a bookcase and books which it received on the 16th of November, 1966, from a delegation of the Commons House of Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as a token of friendship and goodwill on the part of the House of Commons and people of the United Kingdom towards the Parliament and people of Singapore to commemorate the attainment by Singapore of independence within the Commonwealth.

2. Minister for Finance:

REGISTRATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS (AMENDMENT) RULES, 1966: That this House, pursuant to subsection (3) of section 5 of the Registration of Imports and Exports Ordinance (Cap. 261), resolves that the Registration of Imports and Exports (Amendment) Rules, 1966, published as Notification No. S 233 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 85 of 28th October, 1966, as contained in Paper S.L. 61 of 1966, be approved.

3. Minister for Finance:

ANNUAL BUDGET STATEMENT: That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the year 1967.

- 4. Women's Charter (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Culture and Social Affairs) — Second Reading.
[The Government intends that this Bill, after being read a second time, be committed to a Select Committee.]
- 5. Insurance Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.†
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 14 dated 5th December, 1966.]
- 6. Entertainments Duty (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.†
- 7. Government Contracts Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.†
- 8. Income Tax (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.†
- 9. Railways (Amendment) Bill — (Minister of State (Prime Minister's Department)) — Second Reading.†
- 10. Nanyang University (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Education) — Second Reading.†
- 11. Intestate Succession Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
- 12. Public Trustee (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†

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

MEMORANDUM

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

Mr. Teong Eng Siong
(Member for Sembawang) ... Culture in Singapore's Nation-building.

PAPERS PRESENTED

1966		<i>Date presented</i>
Cmd. 26	Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of Singapore for the year 1967 ...	1st December, 1966.
Cmd. 27	Singapore Development Estimates for the year 1967 ...	1st December, 1966.
Cmd. 28	Third Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1966 of Singapore ...	1st December, 1966.
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S. 7	Report and Accounts of the War Damage Commission for 1964 ...	27th October, 1966.
S. 8	Annual Report of the Economic Development Board, 1965 ...	29th October, 1966.
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S.L. 60	Customs Duties (Drawback) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations, 1966 ...	7th November, 1966.
S.L. 61	Registration of Imports and Exports (Amendment) Rules, 1966 ...	18th November, 1966.
S.L. 62	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 14) Order, 1966 ...	24th November, 1966.
