

PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

WEDNESDAY, 24TH MAY, 1967

ORDER PAPER

No. 36

2.30 p.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Madam Chan Choy Siong: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister if he is aware that the electors in two constituencies, Toa Payoh and Nee Soon, remain unrepresented in this House as a result of the failure till today of the two Members elected for those constituencies to take their oaths and their seats; and whether he considers any amendment of the law necessary to remedy the situation.
- *2. Mr. Tay Boon Too: To ask the Minister of Defence whether action will be taken to curb the activities of touts around Government offices who charge illiterate people, seeking assistance from Government departments, unnecessary fees for helping such illiterate people write letters to the departments.
- *3. Mr. Teo Hup Teck: To ask the Minister of Defence how many road accidents occurred at the junction of Yio Chu Kang Road and Jalan Kayu in 1966 and in the first three months of 1967, and how many of them were fatal.
- *4. Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi: To ask the Minister of Defence whether provision for the employment by Statutory Boards and private firms of full-time National Servicemen discharged at the end of their military service will be made in the proposed legislation for the emplacement of such National Servicemen in civilian occupations.
- *5. Mr. Ng Kah Ting: To ask the Minister for Education what progress has been made in the building of (i) the Adult Education Centre, and (ii) the Junior Colleges, and the estimated dates for their completion.
- *6. Mr. Tay Boon Too: To ask the Minister for Education if he will consider (a) terminating the services of teachers in Government-Aided Schools when they have reached the age of 60 years and recruiting younger teachers to fill their places; and (b) the payment to retiring teachers in such schools of a long-service gratuity equivalent to one year's difference between the last-drawn salary of the retiring teacher and the salary of a new recruit.
- *7. Mr. Ng Kah Ting: To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider conducting campaigns to educate the people to keep their City clean, and if he will introduce legislation to punish the indiscriminate throwing of litter.

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- *8. Mr. P. Govindaswamy: To ask the Minister for Finance if he will make a statement on current trends in the wholesale and retail prices of rice and sugar in Singapore and on the adequacy of stocks of these staple foods for the needs of the Republic.
- *9. Madam Chan Choy Siong: To ask the Minister for Finance the total value of China-made goods imported into Singapore and of Singapore-made goods exported to China in 1966.
- *10. Mr. Ng Kah Ting: To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs if he will consider prohibiting advertisements over TV Singapura in which speeding and undesirable types of driving are used to boost the sales of motor vehicles, as they run contrary to the campaigns of the National Safety First Council.
- *11. Mr. Tay Boon Too: To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs whether he is aware that, though it is the policy to promote sports consciousness in Singapore, TV Singapura seldom shows popular sports like basket-ball, volley-ball and table tennis on the Sports Parade programme, and if he will instruct the Broadcasting Division to include more coverage of such games in the programme.
- *12. Mr. S. Rajoo: To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs how many priests are employed in each of the Hindu Temples administered by the Muslim and Hindu Endowments Board and whether their numbers are sufficient; and if he is in a position to give details of their initial salaries, periodic increments and present salaries.
- *13. Mr. S. Rajoo: To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs whether he is aware of any complaints made to Temple Management Committees or the Muslim and Hindu Endowments Board against the Temple Management Committees by devotees of Temples administered by the Muslim and Hindu Endowments Board, and if he will ensure that such complaints are dealt with satisfactorily and speedily.
- *14. Mr. S. Rajoo: To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs whether and when he will introduce legislation for the specific administration of Hindu religious and charitable endowments.
- *15. Madam Chan Choy Siong: To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs whether he will consider establishing creches for the children of families in the higher income bracket with charges relatively higher than those at the present creches which cater mainly for the children of those families whose total monthly family incomes do not exceed \$400.
- *16. Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development what progress has been made under section 22A of the Local Government Integration Ordinance, 1963, for the repair of the damage to Jalan Perwira, and when that road will be repaired.
- *17. Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he will consider supplementing the vote for 1967 rural projects in Kampong Kembangan.

- *18. Mr. Teo Hup Teck: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development the number of applications for the erection of new houses in the Jalan Kayu Constituency received between 1st January, 1965, and 30th April, 1967, and the outcome of the applications.
- *19. Mr. Teo Hup Teck: To ask the Minister of State (Prime Minister's Department) if he will consider setting up traffic lights at the junction of Yio Chu Kang Road and Jalan Kayu to smoothen the flow of traffic and to minimise accidents at that junction.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

1. Minister for Culture and Social Affairs:
National Theatre Trust (Amendment) Bill.
2. Deputy Prime Minister:
(President's recommendation to be signified)
Science Council of Singapore Bill.
3. Minister for Law and National Development:
Judicial Committee (Amendment) Bill.
4. Minister for Law and National Development:
Official Secrets (Amendment) Bill.
5. Minister for Law and National Development:
Legal Profession (Amendment) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Ngee Ann College Bill — (Minister for Education) — Second Reading.
[To be referred to a Select Committee after being read a second time (S.O. 64 (1)).]
- 2. Control of Imports and Exports (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.†
[For amendment to the Bill, see Supplement No. 21 dated 24th May, 1967.]
- 3. Trade Unions (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Labour) — Second Reading.†

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

4. Intestate Succession Bill as reported from the Select Committee (Paper Parl. 5 of 1967) — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Third Reading.

The Minister for Law and National Development has given notice of amendments in respect of clause 7, the introduction of a new clause and amendment to the Long Title upon recommitment of the Bill.

[For amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 21 dated 24th May, 1967.]

5. Women's Charter (Amendment) Bill as reported from the Select Committee (Paper Parl. 7 of 1967) — (Minister for Culture and Social Affairs) — Third Reading.

Madam Chan Choy Siong has given notice of an amendment in respect of clause 28 upon recommitment of the Bill.

[For amendment to the Bill, see Supplement No. 21 dated 24th May, 1967.]

6. Minister for Finance:

TREASURY BILLS: That this Parliament resolves, in accordance with section 2 of the Local Treasury Bills Ordinance (Chapter 69), that the Minister be authorised to borrow, by the issue of Treasury Bills in the Republic, sums not exceeding Malayan \$500,000,000 in amount.

PAPERS PRESENTED

1967	<i>Date presented</i>
Parl. 7 Report of the Select Committee on the Women's Charter (Amendment) Bill ...	21st March, 1967.

Cmd. 7 Report of the Ministry of Health for the year ended 31st December, 1964 ...	28th March, 1967.
Cmd. 8 Report of the Board of Commissioners of Currency, Malaya and British Borneo, 1965	7th April, 1967.
Cmd. 9 Annual Report of the National Library, Singapore, 1964	13th April, 1967.
Cmd. 10 Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the Republic of Singapore for the year 1965	9th May, 1967.
Cmd. 11 Financial Statements for the year 1965 ...	9th May, 1967.
Cmd. 12 Review of the Primary Production Department, 1960-65	10th May, 1967.

S. 6 Central Provident Fund Board: Chairman's Statement and Accounts of the Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1965 ...	20th March, 1967.
S. 7 Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioner for the year ended 31st December, 1966	5th May, 1967.

PAPERS PRESENTED — *continued*

1967	<i>Date presented</i>
S.L. 19 Housing and Development Board (Pro- vident Fund) (Amendment) Rules, 1967	17th March, 1967.
S.L. 20 Fees (Reproduction of Maps) Order, 1967	20th March, 1967.
S.L. 21 Customs Duties (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1967 	23rd March, 1967.
S.L. 22 Modification of Laws (Constitution of Singapore) Order, 1967 	4th April, 1967.
S.L. 23 Customs Duties Order, 1967	14th April, 1967.
S.L. 24 Municipal (Private Sewage Purification Plants and Chemical Closets) (Amend- ment) Regulations, 1967 	18th April, 1967.
S.L. 25 Singapore Rural Board Septic Tanks (Amendment) Regulations, 1967 	18th April, 1967.
S.L. 26 Dog (Licensing and Control) (Amendment) Rules, 1967 	10th May, 1967.
S.L. 27 Naval Police (Amendment) Regulations, 1967 	11th May, 1967.
S.L. 28 Customs (Amendment) Regulations, 1967	12th May, 1967.
