

PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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ORDER PAPER

No. 38

2.30 p.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. Sim Boon Woo: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister if he is aware that the efforts of the Public Utilities Board to provide domestic electricity supply to kampong dwellers at their request are being hampered by a landowner who has refused his consent to the erection on his property of wooden poles to carry overhead cables, and what action he proposes to take in the matter.
- *2. Mr. Teo Hup Teck: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister when electricity will be supplied to the residents of Boh Sua Tian Road.
- *3. Mr. Tang See Chim: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister whether he is aware of any measures being taken by the Public Utilities Board to prevent water pollution now that a bridge and a band-stand have been built over the water in MacRitchie Reservoir and whether he will inform the House of such measures.
- *4. Mr. R. A. Gonzales: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister if he will consider an amendment to rules under the Road Traffic Ordinance to extend the prohibition on the sounding of horns by drivers of private motor vehicles, taxis and buses throughout the City limits except for the purpose of preventing an accident.
- *5. Mr. Teong Eng Siong: To ask the Minister for Finance whether there has been a flow of foreign investments into Singapore recently, especially from Hongkong, and if he can give details of such investments.
- *6. Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi: To ask the Minister for Finance whether he is aware that the cost of living in the Republic has gone up rapidly and if he is taking any steps in the matter.
- *7. Mr. Ng Yeow Chong: To ask the Minister for Finance whether the Government will consider joint ventures with Australian industrialists to establish factories in Singapore to manufacture goods with raw materials imported from Australia on the terms that 50 per cent of the finished products be allowed by the Australian Government to be imported into Australia free of tariff, the remaining 50 per cent being for the local and other overseas markets.
- *8. Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing legislation to provide that all departmental stores and retail shops display Singapore-made goods.

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- *9. Mr. Govindaswamy: To ask the Minister for Finance the number of licensed importers of fresh fruits in Singapore as at 1st August, 1967.
- *10. Mr. P. Govindaswamy: To ask the Minister for Finance if he will state the number of finance companies operating in Singapore and if he will consider introducing legislation for the licensing and regulation of the business of finance companies with specific provision to safeguard the interests of persons who deposit money with such companies.
- *11. Mr. Lim Cheng Lock: To ask the Minister for Finance the total amount of old currency notes redeemed in the Republic from 12th June to 31st August, 1967, and if he is satisfied with the rate of exchange of the old currency notes for the new ones in Singapore.
- *12. Mr. Ho See Beng: To ask the Minister for Finance if he will make a statement on the comparative prices per ton of imported rice and locally-milled wheat flour; what are the respective tonnages of these two staple foodstuffs consumed or estimated to be consumed per month by the people of Singapore; and what will be the estimated annual saving in foreign exchange by the increase of, say, four thousand tons in the consumption of wheat per month.
- *13. Mr. Ho See Beng: To ask the Minister for Finance if he has any information of an appreciable increase in the consumption of wheat flour since the Deputy Prime Minister's statement urging the people of Singapore to eat more wheat than rice, and if the increase is not significant what effective measures the Government will take to achieve the objective.
- *14. Mr. Lim Cheng Lock: To ask the Minister for Finance when will the Report of the Salaries Commission be presented to Parliament.
- *15. Mr. Sim Boon Woo: To ask the Minister for Health if he will take steps so that more dust-bins are provided, and more labourers are employed to clear all the rubbish, in all the kampongs in the Changi Constituency and other Constituencies.
- *16. Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Minister for Health (i) the number of complaints received by his Ministry alleging that his Ministry officials had insisted on unnecessary requirements for the licensing of eating-shops, etc.; (ii) the number of cases in which he has overruled or rescinded the actions of the officials; and (iii) what actions have been taken against the officers concerned.
- *17. Mr. Yeoh Ghim Seng: To ask the Minister for Health how many cases of complications arising from criminal abortions were treated in Government hospitals in 1966, and what was the mortality rate.
- *18. Mr. Ho See Beng: To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that wheat flour definitely has more nourishing food value than rice, which contains less protein, and, if so, whether he will take steps to publicise this fact.

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- *19. Mr. Ang Nam Piau: To ask the Minister of Defence, in view of the extra financial expenditure involved in the implementation of National Service, if he will consider setting up a "National Service Fund" and conducting a campaign for donations to the Fund from the public.
- *20. Mr. Ng Kah Ting: To ask the Minister of Defence how many youths have registered for National Service; how many have been selected for two-year full-time military service and how many will be placed on part-time service, and from those selected how many are in employment either in Government service or elsewhere; and whether those who applied for deferment on the ground that they are sole breadwinners have been favourably considered and granted part-time service.
- *21. Mr. Ng Kah Ting: To ask the Minister of Defence whether the present strength of our marine patrols is sufficient and whether he considers it necessary to strengthen it further.
- *22. Madam Chan Choy Siong: To ask the Minister of Defence whether he is satisfied with the overall performances of the People's Defence Force (Women) and the Police Force (Women) at the National Day March Past, and whether he intends to increase and expand both Units.
- *23. Mr. Ang Nam Piau: To ask the Minister of Defence when the two community centres at Sin Ming Road and 4½ milestone Upper Serangoon Road will be built.
- *24. Mr. Lee Teck Him: To ask the Minister of Defence when work will commence on the proposed community centre in Jalan Membina.
- *25. Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Minister of Defence if he will consider improving the appearance and quality of the paper of the restricted passport for travel between Singapore and West Malaysia.
- *26. Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi: To ask the Minister of Defence whether Partai Rakyat, Singapura, Barisan Sosialis and Pan-Malayan Islamic Party, Singapore, still exist and whether they have complied with the Societies Act.
- *27. Mr. Lim Cheng Lock: To ask the Minister of Defence the number of motor vehicles, giving also the type and make, reported to the Police as missing as a result of theft for each month from January to July, 1967, and the number of such vehicles recovered by the Police and in what condition.
- *28. Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister of Defence if he is aware that disaffected trade unionists and disaffected politicians from Singapore from time to time confer with representatives of a neighbouring country in that neighbouring country, and whether such activities require constant scrutiny to ensure that no harm is done to the security and welfare of the people of Singapore.

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- *29.** Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi: To ask the Minister for Labour whether the Registrar of Trade Unions has received applications for registration of the Singapore Telephone Board Workers' Union, the Public Utilities Board Workers' Union and the Housing and Development Board Workers' Union.
- *30.** Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister for Labour, in view of the proposed retrenchment of local employees of the British military establishments, what measures are being contemplated by the Government for their retraining for other occupations.
- *31.** Madam Chan Choy Siong: To ask the Minister for Labour how many cases of false identity cards were discovered in the last two months and what action he intends to take in the matter.
- *32.** Mr. P. Selvadurai: To ask the Minister for Labour if he will give the numbers of persons issued with citizens' and non-citizens' identity cards and a breakdown in numbers and percentages according to ethnic and language groups as at a latest convenient date.
- *33.** Mr. Yeoh Ghim Seng: To ask the Minister for Labour how many illegitimate births were registered in the Republic between 1st August, 1966, and 31st July, 1967.
- *34.** Mr. P. Selvadurai: To ask the Minister for Labour the figures for July and August, 1967, of (i) Malaysians who have changed their address from Malaysia to Singapore, and (ii) Singaporeans who have changed their address from Singapore to Malaysia, since the introduction of passport controls on 1st July, 1967, and the ethnic breakdown of the figures.
- *35.** Mr. Yeoh Ghim Seng: To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs how many infants, legitimate and otherwise, were abandoned by their parents and were looked after by institutions or by foster-parents during the period 1st August, 1966 to 31st July, 1967.
- *36.** Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs (a) what was the cause of the recent fire at the Record Library of Radio Singapura; (b) what was the number and value of the records damaged or destroyed in the fire; (c) what was the cost of the damage to the building; (d) what is the number of records donated to Radio Singapura by the public, including firms, after the fire; and (e) what precautions had been taken against fire after the previous fire at the TV Studios.
- *37.** Mr. Tay Boon Too: To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs, as the Republic is in the midst of nation building, whether he will instruct the Broadcasting Division to broadcast more songs, music, plays and dramas with a patriotic theme over TV Singapura.
- *38.** Mr. Ng Kah Ting: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development how many cases of swine fever have been detected in the Republic recently; what steps have been taken to check the spread of the disease; and whether the disease is now under control.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS
Introduction of Government Bills

1. Minister for Health:
Local Government Integration (Amendment) Bill.
 2. Minister for Health:
Medicines (Advertisement and Sale) (Amendment) Bill.
 3. Minister for Finance:
Rubber Association of Singapore (Incorporation) Bill.
 4. Minister of Defence:
Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment No. 2) 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.]
 5. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance:
(President's recommendation to be signified)
Stamp (Amendment) Bill.
 6. Minister of Defence:
Singapore Army (Amendment) Bill.
 7. Minister of Defence:
Police Force (Amendment) Bill.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 23 dated 7th September, 1967].
- 2. Public Authorities Protection (Cessation) Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 23 dated 7th September, 1967].

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

3. Minister for Law and National Development:

RECLAMATION AT PASIR PANJANG: That this Parliament, in accordance with section 4 of the Foreshores Ordinance (Chapter 246), approves the reclamation by Government of that portion of the foreshore and sea-bed at Pasir Panjang containing an area of approximately 10½ acres as delineated on the plan marked "LAND OFFICE RECLAMATION PLAN No. 1/67" which is deposited in the Land Office, Singapore.

MEMORANDUM

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

Mr. Lim Cheng Lock ... Filthy condition of toilet facilities in Coffee
(Member for River Valley) Shops, Eating Houses, Restaurants and
public places.

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister if he will ascertain from the respective authority or if he is able to say whether the appointments of General Manager of the Singapore Telephone Board and the Public Utilities Board are on a permanent or contract basis.
2. Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider asking shopkeepers to display price tags on important consumer goods such as rice, sugar, flour, etc.
3. Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister for Finance (a) how many firms have been given pioneer status since 9th August, 1965, and how many firms which had been accorded pioneer status have closed down or terminated business since 9th August, 1965; and (b) why pioneer status has been given to many firms in the same industry, such as the four firms in the plywood industry, and whether this is not harmful to the promotion of local industries.
4. Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister for Education whether the Government will consider increasing its grant to the Boy Scouts' Movement in the Republic in view of the significant contribution the Movement is making towards a rugged and robust nation.
5. Mr. Ng Yeow Chong: To ask the Minister of Defence, in view of the demolition of the Minto Road Community Centre and the imminent demolition of the Beach Road Community Centre, whether the Government has any plans to build a new community centre in the area.
6. Mr. Ng Kah Ting: To ask the Minister for Education whether he will give the breakdown figures of the number of children registered for Primary One classes in 1968 in the four language streams; and whether all will be given places in the school of their parents' choice.
7. Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi: To ask the Minister for Labour if he is able to say whether the appointment of General Manager of the Central Provident Fund Board is on a permanent or contract basis.
8. Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister for Labour whether the Government will consider introducing legislation to ensure that, Singapore Citizens shall be the last to be retrenched when private firms retrench employees who are not represented by a trade union.

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9. Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs whether the Government will consider issuing a directive to all sports bodies, which are receiving a grant from the Government, to buy locally-manufactured equipment whenever possible.
 10. Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he will ascertain from the Port of Singapore Authority whether the appointment of General Manager of the Authority is on a permanent or contract basis.
 11. Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he will ascertain from the Housing and Development Board the number of applicants who have been waiting for the Board's flats for six months or more and whether steps are being taken to expedite the allocation of flats to the applicants.
 12. Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development what is the policy of the Government in regard to the installation of street-lights along roads in private housing estates which have been declared public roads.
 13. Mr. Ng Kah Ting: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether and when public street lights will be installed from 9½ m.s. Ponggol Road to Ponggol Point.
 14. Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether his Ministry will publish a pamphlet with a map showing the areas in Singapore subject to flood at times (a) when there is heavy rain, (b) when heavy rain coincides with high tides, and containing guidance on alternative routes to persons who normally travel through such areas; and whether he will request the assistance of the Commissioner of Police and the Director of Broadcasting in order to give early warning on flooded areas and frequent guidance on alternative routes at times of flood so that workers and school children will not be delayed on their way to or from places of work and school.
 15. Mr. Ng Yeow Chong: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development what industries or trades affected by the urban renewal and the Golden Mile schemes are relocated in the Tanjong Rhu Resettlement Area.
 16. Mr. Ng Yeow Chong: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether he is aware of the existing facilities of a boatel near the sea-front at Kallang Park, and whether he will consider including boating and yachting amenities in the new redevelopment projects for tourism in Kallang Park earmarked for private development.
 17. Mr. Ng Yeow Chong: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether the Government will consider providing more facilities in the suburbs or near industrial areas to enable commercial houses or local distributors of merchandise to rebuild their warehouses affected by the urban renewal development, as warehousing forms an integral part of the entrepot trade of the Republic.
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PAPERS PRESENTED

1967		<i>Date presented</i>
S.L. 30	Customs (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1967	28th June, 1967.
S.L. 31	Customs Duties (Amendment) Order, 1967	28th June, 1967.
S.L. 32	Botanic Gardens (Amendment) Rules, 1967	29th June, 1967.
S.L. 33	Trade Unions (Employees of Statutory Boards) Order, 1967	30th June, 1967.
S.L. 34	Fees (Public Works Department) (Amendment) Order, 1967	1st July, 1967.
S.L. 35	Modification of Laws (Central Bank of Malaysia Ordinance) (Cessation) Order, 1967	4th July, 1967.
S.L. 36	Modification of Laws (Banking) Order, 1967	4th July, 1967.
Parl. 9	Report of the Select Committee on the Ngee Ann College Bill	10th July, 1967.
Cmd. 15	Report on the Operations of the Malayan Rubber Export Registration Board for the year ended 31st December, 1966 ...	15th July, 1967.
S.L. 37	Fees (Passport and Visa) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1967	18th July, 1967.
S.L. 38	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1967	18th July, 1967.
S.L. 39	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1967	18th July, 1967.
S.L. 40	Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Rules, 1967 ...	19th July, 1967.
S.L. 41	Road Traffic (Amendment) Rules, 1967 ...	19th July, 1967.
S.L. 42	Petroleum (Transport by Land — Fees) (Amendment) Rules, 1967 ...	21st July, 1967.
S.L. 43	Petroleum (Transport by Land — Fees) (Areas administered by the Rural Board) (Amendment) Rules, 1967 ...	21st July, 1967.
S.L. 44	Modification of Laws (Constitution of Singapore) (No. 2) Order, 1967 ...	21st July, 1967.
Cmd. 16	Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Singapore Manual and Mercantile Workers' Union, 1967	22nd July, 1967.
S.L. 45	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1967	24th July, 1967.

PAPERS PRESENTED — *continued.*

	1967		<i>Date presented</i>
S.L. 46	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1967		24th July, 1967.
S.L. 47	Customs Duties (Exemption) Order, 1967		28th July, 1967.
S. 9	Central Provident Fund Board: Chairman's Statement and Accounts of the Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1966		7th August, 1967.
Cmd. 17	Annual Report of the Botanic Gardens, 1965		10th August, 1967.
S.L. 48	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1967		11th August, 1967.
S.L. 49	Modification of Laws (Motor Vehicles (Third Party Risks and Compensation)) Order, 1967		24th August, 1967.
S.L. 50	Customs Duties (Exemption) (Amendment) Order, 1967		25th August, 1967.
