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FIRST SESSION

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No. 17

2.30 p.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Mr. L. P. Rodrigo:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many persons applied for Teacher Training in 1968, and how many were accepted and how many rejected; and (b) what were the qualifications of those who were selected and those rejected.
- *2. **Mr. L. P. Rodrigo:** To ask the Minister for Education what adjustments or changes have been made in teacher education to meet the needs of the country at this stage of its development.
- *3. **Mr. Ch'ng Jit Koon:** To ask the Minister for Education, since the Nanyang University degrees are recognised by the Government and some Departments of the University are adequately staffed and equipped, if he will ask the Council of the University to look into the possibility of the University offering honours degree courses as from the next academic year.
- *4. **Mr. Ch'ng Jit Koon:** To ask the Minister for Education if he will ascertain from the University of Singapore authorities whether consideration has been given to the admission of Nanyang University graduates to higher degree courses at the University of Singapore.
- *5. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Education, in view of the Government's policy of encouraging technical education, how many scholarships in this field will be offered in 1969 to (a) University students, and (b) teachers.
- *6. **Mr. Low Guan Onn:** To ask the Minister for Education, in view of the reluctance and unco-operative attitude of employers to offer on-the-job training opportunities for short periods of time to students of Vocational Institutes, the Polytechnic and the Universities, if the Government will consider introducing legislation to make it compulsory for industries to take in a quota of students for such training each year.
- *7. **Mr. Low Guan Onn:** To ask the Minister for Education, with the emphasis now on technical education, if the Government will consider conducting a weekend radio and television course on the basic theory of engineering science for the benefit of those workers in industries who have the practical skills but lack theoretical knowledge, as such knowledge will upgrade the quality of their skills and improve the standard of goods produced.

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- *8. **Mr. P. Selvadurai:** To ask the Minister for Education if he will take steps that will result in primary school children not being enrolled in schools many miles away from the areas in which they live.
- *9. **Mr. Ch'ng Jit Koon:** To ask the Minister for Education, as there are only two primary schools, one Chinese and the other English, in the Tiong Bahru Constituency, and in view of the development of more Housing and Development Board housing estates in that Constituency, if his Ministry plans to build more schools in that Constituency; what are the types of schools that will be built, and when they will be built.
- *10. **Mr. L. P. Rodrigo:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what are the various official types of Government and Government aided schools to date; (b) what are the different official kinds of specialist teachers on the staffs in those schools today, that is, the specialist teachers as distinct from the general teachers like the Normal Trained and Certificate in Education teachers; and (c) what is the principle governing the current staffing of such schools.
- *11. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many Secondary IV and pre-University students have been exempted from paying school fees in 1968; and (b) how many students in the University of Singapore, Nanyang University, Singapore Polytechnic and Ngee Ann College are scholarship or bursary holders, and if he will give details of the various scholarships and bursaries awarded.
- *12. **Mr. Tay Boon Too:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how much was spent by each school for the recent tree-planting and gardening competition; (b) from what source was the expenditure met; and (c) what percentage per school of the expenditure came from the schools' miscellaneous fund.
- *13. **Mr. J. F. Conceicao:** To ask the Minister for Education what relationship exists between schools and the National Museum; and if his Ministry will consider arrangements with the appropriate authority for the better utilisation of the facilities of the Museum by schools for educational purposes, such as lecture-tours of the Museum for students, etc.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. BUDGET STATEMENT: *Resumption of Debate on Question (3rd December, 1968), "That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1st January, 1969 to 31st March, 1970."* — (Minister for Finance)
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