

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

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No. 18

2.30 p.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Mr. J. F. Conceicao:** To ask the Minister for Science and Technology what steps have been taken to modernise the National Museum on the lines indicated in the addendum to the President's Speech on 6th May, 1968.
- *2. **Enche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi:** To ask the Minister for Finance (a) how many workers were employed by pioneer industries as at 30th June, 1968; and (b) how many pioneer industries have been and are expected to be set up and how many workers have been and are expected to be employed by such industries during the period of twelve months from 1st July, 1968.
- *3. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Finance (a) how many new industries have been established during the period 1st January, 1968 to 31st October, 1968, and what is the total capital investment; and (b) how many workers are employed by those industries.
- *4. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Finance if he will make a statement on the Government's plan to develop the Sembawang and Woodlands areas into an industrial complex.
- *5. **Mr. Low Guan Onn:** To ask the Minister for Finance (a) what is the policy of the Government in regard to the setting up of new factories to produce goods or classes of goods specified in the First and Second Schedules to the Control of Manufacture Ordinance, 1959, where those goods are already being produced by existing factories; and (b) whether would-be investors will be allowed to set up new factories to produce such specified goods, on the condition that they can promote an export market for a proportion of their total production.
- *6. **Mr. Low Guan Onn:** To ask the Minister for Finance whether he is aware that some existing manufacturers of goods specified in the First and Second Schedules to the Control of Manufacture Ordinance, 1959, are exploiting the captive market, and prices of some items of daily necessities have gone up by more than 50 per cent, and what measures have been taken to curb this profiteering tendency which is at the expense of domestic consumers.

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- *7. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Finance, in view of the increase in expenditure on defence, whether he will give an assurance that there will be no reduction in the provision for the Rural Development Programme for 1969, so that the people in the rural areas will continue to benefit from rural development schemes.
- *8. **Mr. Tay Boon Too:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he will take steps whereby owners of houses, which are on rented land and which are in a dilapidated condition, may obtain the approval of the Chief Building Surveyor of their plans to carry out major repairs which may amount to reconstruction of their houses without having to obtain the permission of the landowner.
- *9. **Mr. Ng Yeow Chong:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development (a) how many hotels are under construction and the number of rooms they will have; (b) how many hotels are awaiting planning approval and the number of rooms they will have; and (c) whether he anticipates that the total number of rooms available will not exceed the demand in the next five years.
- *10. **Mr. Ng Yeow Chong:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether planning approval can be expedited so as to speed up private development.
- *11. **Mr. J. F. Conceicao:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development to what extent reclamatory works along the East Coast and at Pasir Panjang, Kallang and Kranji have been completed; what plans there are to reclaim land in other areas in Singapore; and, if he will make a statement on plans to develop the land already reclaimed and to be reclaimed.
- *12. **Mr. Ng Yeow Chong:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether Government has any plan to construct fountains on or provide landscaping to the Mountbatten Road Circus (outside Kallang Park) and the Guillemard Road Circus, both of which are on the main traffic route between the City and the eastern part of the Republic.
- *13. **Mr. Lee Teck Him:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether the Government proposes to set up a National Zoo and when.
- *14. **Mr. Lim Soo Peng:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development, in view of the heavy vehicular traffic along New Bridge Road, especially in that sector between Canal Road and Merchant Road, whether he will consider erecting an overhead bridge for the safety and convenience of pedestrians, and also for the smooth flow of vehicular traffic.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Estimates of Expenditure of Singapore for the financial year 1st January, 1969 to 31st March, 1970 (Paper Cmd. 27 of 1968) — Committee of Supply. (*1st Allotted Day*).

[For Amendments to be moved in the Committee of Supply, see Supplement No. 5 dated 13th December, 1968.]

- 2. Environmental Public Health Bill — (Minister for Health) — Second Reading.

It is intended to move the Committee Stage and Third Reading immediately after the Second Reading.
