

# SECOND PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

## FIRST SESSION

### ORDER PAPER

MONDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1968

No. 19

2.30 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- \*1. **Mr. Hwang Soo Jin:** To ask the Minister for Communications if he will ascertain from the Singapore Telephone Board whether the Board will consider (i) introducing a sliding scale of charges and rentals to apply to major subscribers, such as hotels; and (ii) reducing the charge in respect of coloured telephones, since it is understood that there is no difference in cost to the Board between black and coloured telephones.
- \*2. **Mr. P. Selvadurai:** To ask the Minister for Communications if the Telex Service that obtains in Singapore is adequate for the Republic's commercial and industrial needs.
- \*3. **Mr. Cheong Yuen Chee:** To ask the Minister for Communications when the Government will build a post office at the Toa Payoh Housing Estate in view of the rapid increase in the number of residents in that area and the policy of the Government to encourage savings with the Post Office Savings Bank.
- \*4. **Mr. P. Selvadurai:** To ask the Minister for Communications when the Government will build a post office at Woodlands to serve the large number of residents in the area.
- \*5. **Mr. P. Govindaswamy:** To ask the Minister for Communications if he is aware that applicants for employment with the Port of Singapore Authority who have any criminal convictions recorded against them are rejected outright by the Authority; and if he will ascertain from the Authority whether the Authority will give consideration to such applicants in future recruitments in cases where the offences committed by them are not of a nature which will in any way be prejudicial to the interests of the Authority and the persons concerned have satisfactorily served their sentences, as employment will assist in rehabilitating them in society.
- \*6. **Mr. Cheong Yuen Chee:** To ask the Minister for Communications whether he is aware that a certain bus company is using second-hand and obsolete buses purchased from another bus company, and whether such buses are road-worthy.
- \*7. **Mr. Ho Kah Leong:** To ask the Minister for Communications whether he is aware that bins for used tickets are not provided in some buses, and what steps he proposes to take in the matter.
- \*8. **Mr. J. F. Conceicao:** To ask the Minister for Communications if he will consider introducing legislation to make it compulsory for scooterists, motor-cyclists and pillion-riders to wear crash helmets.

- \*9. **Mr. J. F. Conceicao:** To ask the Minister for Communications, in view of the frequent disregard for traffic regulations and road courtesy by motorists and pedestrians, if he proposes to take appropriate steps to encourage social responsibility and discipline where the use of roads is concerned.
- \*10. **Mr. L. P. Rodrigo:** To ask the Minister for Communications what preparatory, renovating or developmental work is being undertaken at the Singapore Paya Lebar International Airport to prepare it as a major international civil aviation centre in this part of the world.
- \*11. **Mr. Lim Soo Peng:** To ask the Minister for Communications whether investigations indicate that oil pollution of the sea-waters around Singapore is to a great extent caused by oil tankers and other ships; and, with the increase in the number of such vessels calling at Singapore, what steps have been or will be taken to minimise such oil pollution and make more beaches, free of oil pollution, available to the public.
- \*12. **Enche Rahmat bin Kenap:** To ask the Minister for Social Affairs whether he is aware that there are persons who are instigating members of the Muslim community to oppose the Administration of Muslim Law (Fitrah) Rules, 1968, and what action he has taken or proposes to take in the matter.
- \*13. **Madam Chan Choy Siong:** To ask the Minister for Social Affairs whether he will consider extending the services of creches till late evening to enable working women to have more time for participation in community activities.
- \*14. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Social Affairs, during the period 1st January, 1968 to 31st October, 1968, (a) how many persons have been given public assistance and the total amount paid out; and (b) how many persons have had such assistance terminated and the reasons therefor.

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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. (*Progress: 13th December, 1968. (2nd Allotted Day).*)

*Resumption of Debate on Question (13th December, 1968), "That the total sum to be allocated for Head 0501 be reduced by \$100." — (Madam Chan Choy Siong).*

[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.

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### PAPERS PRESENTED

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