

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

ORDER PAPER

MONDAY, 29TH DECEMBER, 1969

No. 33

2.30 p.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Enche Abdul Aziz Karim:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour if he will consider introducing legislation to amend the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance (a) by extending the applicability of the Ordinance to all categories of employees earning \$750 or less per month; and (b) by increasing the numbers of months of earnings and the maximum amounts prescribed for compensation in section 8 of the Ordinance where injury sustained results in the death or in permanent total disablement of the employee.
- *2. **Mr. Ang Nam Piau:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour (a) whether there is a shortage of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labour in Singapore recently due to the Government's policy of rapid industrialisation; (b) what steps have been taken or are being taken to remedy the situation; and (c) if he will consider an overall survey to ascertain the actual situation.
- *3. **Mr. Ang Nam Piau:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) how many non-citizens have applied for Professional Employment Passes from August, 1968, up to the latest convenient date; (b) how many applications were approved; and (c) the reasons for rejecting the other applications.
- *4. **Enche Abdul Aziz Karim:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development (a) if he is aware that fancy fish breeders and hobbyists are having difficulty in obtaining live worms from local sources since the recent anti-mosquito campaign was started; and (b) if he will instruct the Primary Production Department to undertake the breeding of worms under controlled conditions to restore the local supply of live worms to meet the requirements of our fancy fish breeders and hobbyists, in view of the export earning capacity of fancy fish.
- *5. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development, in view of the serious floods in early December, 1969, whether Government has any effective plans to prevent those serious floods from recurring.
- *6. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether investigations have been carried out to ascertain the loss and damage as a result of the recent floods; and whether he will inform the House of the number of lives lost and the extent of damage to property.

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- *7. Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Social Affairs what assistance has been given to help the people affected by the floods in order that they may rehabilitate themselves.
- *8. Enche Abdul Aziz Karim:** To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider (a) undertaking immediately a pilot survey to determine the extent and degree of air pollution in Jurong and other selected industrial estates caused by noxious smoke, fumes, gases and dust from factories; (b) engaging an expert to carry out the survey; (c) making the report on the survey available to the House; (d) following up the pilot scheme with a complete survey of the problem of air pollution in the Republic; and (e) taking the necessary measures to eliminate air pollution as far as possible.
- *9. Madam Chan Choy Siong:** To ask the Minister for Health, in view of the prevalence of cancer of the womb and breasts among women, whether he will consider expanding the facilities for cancer detection and treatment, and if he will introduce legislation to provide for periodic examinations for cancer.
- *10. Madam Chan Choy Siong:** To ask the Minister for Health whether he will consider providing nightsoil workers with hygienic masks and uniform so as to promote a healthier, neater and a more disciplined working force befitting a "Garden City" in Southeast Asia.
- *11. Madam Chan Choy Siong:** To ask the Minister for Culture, in view of the scarcity of "spiritual food" for children, particularly in cinema entertainment in Singapore, whether he will take steps to ensure that film distributors supply a reasonable quantity of educational films to the cinemas so as to provide wholesome entertainment for our children.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Abortion Bill as reported from the Select Committee (Paper Parl. 6 of 1969) —
Resumption of Debate on Question (23rd December, 1969), "That the Bill be now read a third time." — (Minister for Health).
 - 2. Voluntary Sterilization Bill as reported from the Select Committee (Paper Parl. 6 of 1969) — (Minister for Health) — Third Reading.
 - 3. Supreme Court of Judicature Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Committee Stage.
 [For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 10 dated 29th December, 1969.]
 It is intended to move the Third Reading immediately after the Committee Stage.
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PAPER PRESENTED

1969	Date Presented
Cmd. 37 Report on the Operation of the Malayan Rubber Export Registration Board for the year ended 31st December, 1967 —	24th December, 1969
