

# SECOND PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

## ORDER PAPER

MONDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1970

No. 35

2.30 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- \*1. **Mr. Ng Yeow Chong:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour whether the Government will give sympathetic consideration to an application for citizenship from an applicant who is the sole remaining non-citizen member of his family.
- \*2. **Mr. Ng Yeow Chong:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour whether official publications and other informative materials such as "The Mirror" etc. are being mailed regularly to our students abroad from the Republic's missions overseas, so as to keep them informed of current affairs in Singapore.
- \*3. **Enche Rahmat bin Kenap:** To ask the Minister for Education why school children who have been attending a school for a few years are required to produce documents such as birth certificates, parents' identity cards and citizenship certificates at the beginning of each subsequent school year.
- \*4. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Education whether he will consider the conducting of pre-university classes in any one of the three secondary schools in the Sembawang and Nee Soon Constituencies for students residing in those Constituencies who have completed their secondary education.
- \*5. **Mr. N. Govindasamy:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) when his Ministry decided to introduce Extra-Curricular Activities Record Cards for students in secondary schools, and what is the cost involved in some of the schools for printing those cards; (b) whether any officer or group of officers were assigned by his Ministry to work out the details for the implementation of such a scheme; and, if not, what arrangements have been made to ensure the uniformity in the maintenance of such records in every secondary school; (c) why his Ministry considers it not necessary to issue a circular when introducing such an important scheme; and (d) what steps have been taken to rectify the confusion that has been created among the principals and staffs of secondary schools by conflicting telephone instructions on the introduction and subsequent cancellation and re-introduction of such scheme.

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- \*6. Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Communications whether and what action has been or is being taken against unscrupulous vendors who have unreasonably raised the price of crash helmets since the introduction of legislation making it compulsory for the holder of a provisional licence to wear a crash helmet while driving a motor-cycle.
- \*7. Mr. Ang Nam Piau:** To ask the Minister for Defence how many political parties there are in Singapore at present and how many of them have not complied with the Societies Act.
- \*8. Mr. Ang Nam Piau:** To ask the Minister for Defence what steps he proposes to take for the protection of Singapore fishing boats against pirates on the high seas.
- \*9. Enche Abdul Aziz Karim:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) what procedure is adopted by the Police when carrying out investigations to identify a dead person found by them; (b) what form of liaison the Police maintain with the hospitals to ensure that the next-of-kin can claim a corpse from a hospital mortuary in the most satisfactory manner; and (c) if he will ensure that the Police will contact and inform the family of a deceased person without fail where the identity of that person has been established.
- \*10. Mr. Ng Yeow Chong:** To ask the Minister for Defence what measures have been, are being and will be taken to prevent the increase of commercial crimes resulting from the activities of confidence tricksters and undesirable elements who tend to gravitate towards a prosperous commercial centre like our city.
- \*11. Enche Rahmat bin Kenap:** To ask the Minister for Defence whether he will permit a male Singapore citizen who marries a non-citizen outside Singapore to bring his wife to reside permanently with him in the Republic.
- \*12. Mr. P. Govindaswamy:** To ask the Minister for Defence whether he will consider permitting overseas students, who are liable for national service and who are temporarily back in Singapore from their studies, to return to their studies so that there will be no break, on a bond to be executed by their parents that immediately they complete studies and return to Singapore, they will do their national service.
- \*13. Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Social Affairs what is the total sum collected for the General Relief Fund during and after the recent floods; what was the specific purpose for creating such a Fund; and what special assistance has been given, up to the latest convenient date, to help farmers affected by the floods to rehabilitate themselves.
- \*14. Mr. P. Govindaswamy:** To ask the Minister for Social Affairs how many people died as a result of fires during the Chinese New Year up to Chap Goh Meh; whether there were delays by the Fire Brigade in dealing with the fires, and whether any such delays led to the casualties.

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- \*15. Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he will ascertain from the Public Utilities Board whether difficulties have been encountered in getting land-owners' permission for the running of overhead cables and water-mains across their lands in order that rural folks can enjoy electricity and water supply; how many land-owners have objected and refused to co-operate; whether steps are being taken to ensure that such schemes will be successfully carried out; and whether he proposes to introduce legislation to amend the Public Utilities Ordinance to enable the Board to successfully carry out its tasks without encountering similar difficulties.
- \*16. Mr. Ho Kah Leong:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development how many farmers in the Republic have been registered under the Farming Registration Scheme up to the latest convenient date; and whether those farmers will be considered for land allocation when they are affected by clearance.
- \*17. Mr. Ho Kah Leong:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development what steps have been or are being taken to develop Pulau Ubin and Pulau Tekong into agricultural areas.
- \*18. Mr. Ho Kah Leong:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether the Government will take positive steps to encourage farmers to use small machinery in order to increase their productivity.
- \*19. Enche Rahmat bin Kenap:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he will request the Housing and Development Board to consider allowing the down payment for the purchase of a flat by a civil servant who is approaching retirement, to be deferred and be deducted from the gratuity payable to him on retirement.
- \*20. Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether and when it is proposed to supply electricity to the area between  $1\frac{1}{2}$  m.s. and  $1\frac{3}{4}$  m.s. Jalan Ulu Sembawang in the Sembawang Constituency.
- \*21. Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Health how many hawkers have been cleared and re-sited in 1969; which are the areas involved; whether any expenditure has been incurred by the Hawkers Branch; what and where are the areas, if any, at which his Ministry intends to re-site those hawkers; and whether any assistance will be given, and in what form.
- \*22. Mr. N. Govindasamy:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the cost of a licence for a stall in public markets with water and light supplies; (b) what is the fee for (i) a day licence; and (ii) a night licence for a pitched-hawker stall in the city area such as at Orchard Road or Albert Street; and what is the fee for corresponding licences in the rural areas; and (c) if the same rate of licence fee is charged for any pitched-hawker stall irrespective of its location, whether he will consider reducing licence fees for such stalls in rural areas where the average daily takings of hawkers are very much less than those of their counterparts in the city area.

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**AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS****Introduction of Government Bills****1. Minister for Finance:**

*(President's recommendation to be signified)*

Supply Bill.

**2. Minister for Finance:**

*(President's recommendation to be signified)*

Supplementary Supply Bill.

**3. Minister for Communications:**

Singapore Mariners' Club Bill.

**4. Minister for Law and National Development:**

Legal Profession (Amendment) Bill.

**5. Minister for Law and National Development:**

Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill.

**Business Motion****Minister for Finance:**

BUDGET SITTINGS: That Parliament resolves that notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 85, the days allotted for discussion of the Main Estimates for the financial year 1st April, 1970 to 31st March, 1971 in the Committee of Supply be increased to five days, that is to say, the 19th, 20th, 23rd, 24th and 25th of March, 1970.

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

*(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)*

**1. Minister for Finance:**

BUDGET STATEMENT: That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1st April, 1970 to 31st March, 1971.

**● 2. Constitution (Amendment) Bill — (Prime Minister) — Second Reading.†**

[For Amendment to the Bill, see Supplement No. 12 dated 9th March, 1970.]

**● 3. Singapore Telephone Board (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Communications) — Second Reading.†**

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

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## PAPERS PRESENTED

1970	Date Presented
S.L. 9 Customs Regulations, 1970 ...	24th January, 1970.
S.L. 10 Customs (Offices and Stations) Regulations, 1970 ...	26th January, 1970.
S.L. 11 Customs Duties (Amendment) Order, 1970	26th January, 1970.
S. 3 Annual Report of the Public Utilities Board, 1968 ...	28th January, 1970.
S.L. 12 Fees (Drainage and Sanitary Plumbing Licence) Order, 1970 ...	29th January, 1970.
Cmd. 1 Annual Report of the Ministry of Health, 1967 ...	5th February, 1970.
S.L. 13 Fees (Hawkers and Markets) (Copies of Documents) Order, 1970 ...	14th February, 1970.
Parl. 1 Fifth Report of the Committee of Selection	17th February, 1970.
Cmd. 2 Annual Report of the Singapore Prisons Department, 1968 ...	20th February, 1970.
S.L. 14 Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) Regulations, 1970 ...	20th February, 1970.
Cmd. 3 Annual Report of the Singapore Telecommunications Department, 1968 ...	2nd March, 1970.
Cmd. 4 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of Singapore for the financial year 1st April, 1970, to 31st March, 1971 ...	5th March, 1970.
Cmd. 5 Development Estimates of Singapore for the financial year 1st April, 1970, to 31st March, 1971 ...	5th March, 1970.
Cmd. 6 Annual Report of the Ministry of Education, 1967 ...	5th March, 1970.
Cmd. 7 First Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1st January, 1969, to 31st March, 1970, of Singapore	5th March, 1970.
Cmd. 8 Second Supplementary Development Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1st January, 1969, to 31st March, 1970, of Singapore ...	5th March, 1970.

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Misc. 1    Memorandum on the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of Singapore for the financial year 1st April, 1970, to 31st March, 1971 ... ..	5th March, 1970.
Misc. 2    Memorandum on the Development Estimates of Singapore for the financial year 1st April, 1970, to 31st March, 1971 ... ..	5th March, 1970.

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