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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Mr. Low Yong Nguan:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour, in view of the rapid changes taking place in South-East Asia, if he will consider a more realistic re-appraisal of relations with the People's Republic of China.
- *2. **Mr. Cheong Yuen Chee:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour if he will consider introducing amending legislation to allow owner-occupiers of Housing and Development Board flats who are unemployed or in straitened circumstances to utilise their Central Provident Fund deposits for the payment of property tax on their flats.
- *3. **Mr. Tay Boon Too:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs if he will consider measures to discourage pedestrians from climbing over the iron railings erected on road dividers wherever a pedestrian overhead bridge nearby has been provided for crossing a road.
- *4. **Mr. Tay Boon Too:** To ask the Minister for Education whether it is the present practice of his Ministry to consult the union of a teacher before disciplinary proceedings with a view to dismissal are instituted against him, and, if not, whether consideration will be given to adopting this practice.
- *5. **Mr. Tay Boon Too:** To ask the Minister for Education if the Government will consider the payment of a gratuity to a teacher of a Government-aided school on retirement.
- *6. **Mr. Low Yong Nguan:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what are the figures, as at the latest convenient date, of (i) the number of applications for Certificates of Suitability for admission to the various institutions of higher learning in the Republic; (ii) the number rejected and the reasons therefor; and (iii) the number of Certificates granted and subsequently withdrawn; and (b) whether he will carry out a complete review of the policy on the matter having regard to the students' inherent right to higher education.
- *7. **Enche Rahmat bin Kenap:** To ask the Minister for Education if his Ministry is satisfied that the number of pre-university classes in Malay schools will be sufficient to meet the demands as from 1971.
- *8. **Mr. P. Govindaswamy:** To ask the Minister for Culture when the National Library will be entirely air-conditioned.

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- ✓*9. **Mr. Low Yong Nguan:** To ask the Minister for Social Affairs if the Government will take immediate steps to set up a Youth Department for the purpose of co-ordinating and promoting youth activities in the Republic with a view to preventing a general deterioration in the attitude of youths towards society and enhancing their appreciation of moral principles in a progressive democracy.
- *10. **Mr. Yeo Choo Kok:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development (a) in view of the growing population and heavy vehicular traffic along Alexandra Road between Delta Circus and Alexandra Circus, if he has any plans to ensure the safety of pedestrians in that area; and (b) if he will consider the installation of traffic control lights at the zebra-crossing in front of the Alexandra Road Post Office as pedestrians are finding it increasingly unsafe to use that crossing.
- *11. **Mr. J. F. Conceicao:** To ask the Minister for Finance how many quality certificates have been issued to various industries by the Singapore Institute of Standards and Industrial Research; and what encouragement is being given to firms to qualify for such certificates.
- *12. **Mr. J. F. Conceicao:** To ask the Minister for Finance if the findings of the Commission of Inquiry on Statistical Activities in Singapore will be made public soon; and to what extent the recommendations of the Commission will be implemented.
- *13. **Mr. Cheong Yuen Chee:** To ask the Minister for Finance, in view of the policy of the Government to promote private ownership of Housing and Development Board flats, if he will consider introducing amending legislation to allow persons who are members of approved private provident funds to use their deposits to purchase those flats without affecting their income tax liabilities.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

1. **Minister for Education:**
Institute of Education Bill.
2. **Minister for Law and National Development:**
Statute Law Revision Bill.
3. **Minister for Law and National Development:**
Sand and Granite Quarries Bill.
4. **Minister for Law and National Development:**
Preservation of Monuments Bill.
5. **Minister for Finance:**
Jurong Town Corporation (Amendment) Bill.

[The Member in charge proposes, on a Certificate of Urgency under S.O. 80, to proceed with this Bill throughout all its stages until the Bill has been read the third time.]

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Supplementary Supply (No. 3) Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second and Third Readings.
- 2. Trustees (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
[For Amendment to the Bill, see Supplement No. 18 dated 2nd September, 1970.]
- 3. Land Titles (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
[For Amendment to the Bill, see Supplement No. 18 dated 2nd September, 1970.]
- 4. Constitution (Amendment No. 2) Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
- 5. Environmental Public Health (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Health) — Second Reading.†
- 6. Banking Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.†
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 18 dated 2nd September, 1970.]
- 7. Monetary Authority of Singapore Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.†

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

8. Minister for Law and National Development:

RECLAMATION (BEDOK/TANAH MERAH BESAR): That this Parliament, in accordance with section 4 of the Foreshores Ordinance (Chapter 246), approves the reclamation by Government of that portion of the foreshore and sea-bed containing an area of approximately 1,306 acres from Bedok to Tanah Merah Besar as delineated on the plan marked "LAND OFFICE RECLAMATION PLAN 1/70" which is deposited in the Land Office, Singapore.

9. Minister for Communications:

MOTOR TRANSPORT SERVICE (REORGANISATION): That this Parliament approves the proposals of the Government on the Reorganisation of the Motor Transport Service of Singapore as set out in Paper Command 21 of 1970.

PAPERS PRESENTED

<i>1970</i>		<i>Date Presented</i>	
Cmd.	21	Reorganisation of the Motor Transport Service of Singapore	21st July, 1970.
S.	14	Report and Accounts of the Port of Singapore Authority for the year ended 31st December, 1969 ...	29th July, 1970.
S.L.	31	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1970	5th August, 1970.
S.L.	32	Anti-Dumping Duty Order, 1970 ...	5th August, 1970.
Cmd.	22	Second Annual Report of the Technical Education Department from April, 1969 to March, 1970	7th August, 1970.
Cmd.	23	Annual Report of the Registry of Vehicles, 1969	8th August, 1970.
Cmd.	24	Annual Report of the National Archives and Records Centre, 1968	11th August, 1970.
Pres. Co.	19	Report of the Presidential Council on the Science Centre Bill [Bill No. 23/70]	17th August, 1970.
Pres. Co.	20	Report of the Presidential Council on the Singapore Society of Accountants (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 25/70]	17th August, 1970.
S.	15	Annual Report of the President, Industrial Arbitration Court, 1969 ...	21st August, 1970.
S.	16	Annual Report of the Economic Development Board, 1968	26th August, 1970.
Cmd.	25	Annual Report of the Public Works Department, 1968	27th August, 1970.
S.L.	33	Fees (Payment by Revenue Stamps) Order, 1970	31st August, 1970.