

# FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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## FIRST SESSION

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### ORDER PAPER

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MONDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1984

No. 52

2.30 p.m.

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#### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- \*1. **Mr J. B. Jeyaretnam:** To ask the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education (a) what were the reasons for dispossessing the pig farmers in Punggol of their farms; (b) how many farmers have been dispossessed of their farms; (c) what has happened to the farmers who have been dispossessed; and (d) has any alternative livelihood been offered to them.
  - \*2. **Dr Tan Cheng Bock:** To ask the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education if he will respond to the call by Government backbenchers to present to Parliament a report on the progress and problems of the New Restructured Education System and whether there has been any shift in policy since its implementation in 1979.
  - \*3. **Dr Tan Cheng Bock:** To ask the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education if he will assure the House that his Ministry's latest policy of admission to schools of their choice for graduate mothers, together with the policy of streaming students into Normal, Express, Special and Gifted streams will not eventually lead to the development of a class system in Singapore.
  - \*4. **Mr J. B. Jeyaretnam:** To ask the Acting Minister for Communications what were the cogent reasons for the Registrar of Vehicles' refusal to permit a surcharge of \$1.00 on taxi fares for the Chinese New Year holidays.
  - \*5. **Mr J. B. Jeyaretnam:** To ask the Acting Minister for Labour (a) whether the investigations into the loss of monies belonging to Trade Unions between the years 1975 and 1979 have now been completed; and (b) what is the total of the unions' monies that has now been found to be missing or lost and how much of it has been recovered.
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**ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

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

- 1. **BUDGET STATEMENT:** *Resumption of Debate on Question (2nd March, 1984) (Allotted Day)*, "That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1st April, 1984 to 31st March, 1985." — (Minister for Finance and Minister for Trade and Industry).
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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

1. **Dr Tan Cheng Bock:** To ask the Minister for the Environment what steps have been taken to control the pollution of air and sea near the Petrochemical Complex.
2. **Mr J. B. Jeyaretnam:** To ask the Minister for Law if he will list out the various instances from 1965 in which properties had been returned to their registered owners after declaration for their acquisition had been made under the Land Acquisition Act, giving in each case the address of the properties and the name/names of the person/persons to whom the properties were returned.
3. **Dr Tan Cheng Bock:** To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider introducing legislation for all dispensed medicine to be labelled.
4. **Dr Tan Cheng Bock:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether his Ministry will consider setting up a special unit to assist those affected by resettlement to adjust to their new life style in Housing and Development Board estates and to help those who have lost their only means of livelihood, e.g. farmers, to find new jobs.
5. **Dr Tan Cheng Bock:** To ask the Acting Minister for Communications whether he is aware that more cars were bought at Additional Registration Fee (ARF) rather than Preferential Additional Registration Fee (PARF) in 1982 (1981: PARF 13,425, ARF 7,553; 1982: PARF 13,405, ARF 15,021) and whether his Ministry will increase PARF benefits to ensure that the one for one car exchange scheme is promoted to maintain a more stable car population.
6. **Dr Tan Cheng Bock:** To ask the Acting Minister for Communications when a Preferential Additional Registration Fee (PARF) scheme will be introduced for commercial vehicles, especially pick-ups, lorries and vans, many of which are very old and decrepit and whether he is aware that such PARF scheme for commercial vehicles will help control the commercial vehicle population.

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7. **Dr Tan Cheng Bock:** To ask the Acting Minister for Labour whether the Industrial Health Unit has anticipated the diseases related to the Petrochemical Complex and what is being done to minimise the risks that workers at the Complex will be exposed to.
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### PAPERS PRESENTED

<i>1984</i>		<i>Date Presented</i>
S.L.	18 Poisons (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1983 ... ..	29th February, 1984.
S.	3 Annual Report of the Singapore Broadcasting Corporation, 1982/83 ... ..	2nd March, 1984.
Cmd.	6 Annual Report of the Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura, 1982 ...	6th March, 1984.

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