

PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister whether he is aware that certain sections in the Standing Orders of Parliament are irrelevant, and whether he will take steps to amend them in order to bring them into conformity with our independent status.
- *2. **Mr. P. Govindaswamy:** To ask the Minister for Education, as certain aided schools in the City Area have no playing-fields, if the Government will consider allowing those schools the use of any available State land in the vicinity of the schools as playing-fields.
- *3. **Mr. Ho Kah Leong:** To ask the Minister of Defence, since the conversion of Nicoll Highway into a three-carriageway road, how many accidents have occurred on that road and how many of them were fatal.
- *4. **Mr. Ho Kah Leong:** To ask the Minister of Defence whether he is aware that Singapore fishermen have often been robbed, if not kidnapped, by pirates, and whether he will consider strengthening the Marine Police Force to protect the fishermen.
- *5. **Mr. Ho See Beng:** To ask the Minister for Labour if he will obtain and furnish the House with figures of: (a) the number of arbitration cases in which hearings before the Industrial Arbitration Courts have already been concluded but in which no awards have been made; and (b) the number of cases referred to the Courts under section 30 of the Industrial Relations Ordinance which are still pending before the Courts.
- *6. **Mr. Ho See Beng:** To ask the Minister for Labour whether he is aware that the Industrial Arbitration Courts are often unable to hand down decisions within two weeks after the completion of the hearing as provided under section 66 (3) of the Industrial Relations Ordinance; and what steps he proposes to take to remedy this situation.
- *7. **Mr. Ho Kah Leong:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development, between 1st January, 1963, and 31st December, 1967, (a) how many unauthorised structures were found on State land in the Jurong Constituency; (b) how many of them were demolished; and (c) in how many cases was the position regularised.
- *8. **Mr. S. V. Lingam:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development the number of technicians of the Public Works Department who resigned from the service between 1st January, 1965, and 1st December, 1967, and the reasons for their resignations.

- *9. **Mr. S. V. Lingam:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development the number of pensioners now re-employed in the Public Works Department and the period for which each has been re-employed.
- *10. **Mr. S. V. Lingam:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development (a) whether he is aware of the feeling of the people around Potong Pasir and Toa Payoh that flooding in the area can be reduced if action is taken against a sawmill to prevent it dumping sawdust into the canal along Serangoon Road near the Fire Station; (b) what action has been taken so far in this connection and the results; and (c) what further action will be taken.
- *11. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development when work will commence on the construction of Jalan Pasar Sembawang, approved by the Urban and Rural Services Committee on 8th July, 1967.
- *12. **Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether he is aware that certain land-owners have persistently refused to allow their private roads, which have been used by residents in the area for more than 20 years, to be repaired by the Government in spite of many appeals by the residents, and what steps he will take to compel the land-owners under existing laws to repair such roads, or whether the Government will repair them and charge the cost to the land-owners concerned.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

1. Minister for Finance:
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)
Property Tax (Amendment) Bill.
2. Minister for Finance:
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)
Statutes Amendment Bill.
3. Minister for Labour:
Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill.
4. Minister for Law and National Development:
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)
Recovery of Possession of Controlled Premises (Special Provisions) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

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

- 1. Corporation Duty (Repeal) Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.†

[For Note on the Bill, see Supplement No. 30 dated 24th January, 1968.]

● 2. Redundancy Payments Fund Bill — (Minister for Labour) — Second Reading.†

[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 30 dated 24th January, 1968.]

† The Committee Stage and Third Reading will be moved immediately after the Second Reading.

3. Minister of State (Prime Minister's Office):

HIGHWAY CODE: That this Parliament, pursuant to subsection (2) of section 61 of the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1961 (No. 26 of 1961), resolves that the Highway Code published as Notification No. S 256 in the Subsidiary Legislation Supplement No. 80 to the *Gazette* of 29th December, 1967, as contained in Paper S.L. 1 of 1968, be approved.

PAPERS PRESENTED

		<i>Date presented</i>
1967		
S.L. 61	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 9) Order, 1967	20th December, 1967.
Cmd. 30	Annual Report of the Marine Department, 1966	22nd December, 1967.
S.L. 62	Rubber Export (Cess on Exports) Order, 1967	27th December, 1967.
Cmd. 31	Annual Report of the Trade Division of the Ministry of Finance, 1965 ...	28th December, 1967.
S. 12	Annual Report of the Tourist Promotion Board, 1965	29th December, 1967.
1968		
S.L. 1	Highway Code	12th January, 1968.
S. 1	Public Utilities Board, Singapore: Audited Accounts of the General Fund, 1965 ...	15th January, 1968.
Cmd. 1	Annual Report of the Customs and Excise Department, 1966	17th January, 1968.
S.L. 2	Customs Duties (Amendment) Order, 1968	19th January, 1968.
S.L. 3	Petroleum (Transport by Water and Storage Fees) (Amendment) Rules, 1967 ...	20th January, 1968.