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CARIBBEAN AND NORTH ATLANTIC TERRITORIES

The British Guiana (Constitution) (No. 3) Order 1965

Made - - - - 22nd December 1965

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of December 1965

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas at the request of the Government of British Guiana the International Commission of Jurists constituted a Commission of Inquiry to investigate and make recommendations concerning racial balance in the public services of British Guiana:

And Whereas the Commission of Inquiry made in paragraph 69 of its Report a recommendation regarding recruitment to the Police Force of British Guiana and the Government of British Guiana has accepted that recommendation:

And Whereas it is expedient to amend the Constitution of British Guiana to enable that recommendation to be implemented and for other purposes:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the power reserved to Her in pursuance of the British Guiana Act 1928(a) by section 22 of the British Guiana (Constitution) Order in Council 1961(b), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation and construction.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the British Guiana (Constitution) (No. 3) Order 1965.

(2) This Order shall be construed as one with the British Guiana (Constitution) Orders 1961 to 1965(c) and shall be included among the Orders that may be cited together as the British Guiana (Constitution) Orders 1961 to 1965.

Amendment of article 11(1) of Constitution.

2. For a period of five years from the making of this Order nothing in article 11(1) of the Constitution (which prohibits discrimination on grounds of race, etc.) shall prevent the power to make appointments to offices in the Police Force under article 102(2) of the Constitution from being exercised in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 69 of the Report of the afore-mentioned Commission of Inquiry, namely that in each year for a period of five years, whenever the number of qualified applicants at Constable or Cadet Officer levels permits, 75% of the applicants accepted should be Indian and 25% from other races.

(a) 18 & 19 Geo. 5. c. 5. (b) S.I. 1961/1188 (1961 II, p. 2152).
(c) S.I. 1961/1188, 1964/921, 1970, 2040, 1965/587, 979 (1961 II, p. 2152; 1964 II, p. 2050; III, pp. 4450, 5124; 1965 I, pp. 1843, 2417).

3. The Premier of British Guiana shall henceforth be styled Prime Minister, and accordingly the Constitution is amended by the substitution of the words "Prime Minister" for the word "Premier" wherever it occurs. Premier to be styled Prime Minister.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order amends the Constitution of British Guiana by providing that article 11(1) (which prohibits discrimination on grounds of race, etc.) shall not prevent the power to make appointments in the Police Force from being exercised in accordance with the relevant recommendation of the Commission of Inquiry concerning racial balance in the Public Services appointed by the International Commission of Jurists. The Order also provides for the Premier to be re-styled Prime Minister.