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GUYANA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

70th 97

Enhancing The Electoral System



*A message from the Chairman,
Guyana Elections Commission*

The 1997 Elections will be one of the most important in the history of independent Guyana. The selection of the President and of the National Assembly will not only be for the remainder of the 20th Century. Who we elect will also bring in the 21st Century. The Elections is about the leadership and direction of 21st Century Guyana.

This Supplement is but a small contribution of the Voter Education & Information Unit at the Commission to help you participate effectively in the process. I sincerely hope that it answers questions you may have about how, where and why you need to vote.

J. Powell
Goodmanth-Singh
Chairman

On Elections Day/Polling Day

1. Take your Voter ID Card



Guyana Elections Commission
VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD

SURNAME		
SMITH		
GIVEN NAME(S)		
MARY, ANN		
DATE OF BIRTH	GENDER	
1/2/65	F	
MRCNO.	DISTRICT DIVISION	SUB
0025681	9	125579
D		

Mary Smith

SPECIMEN ONLY

- ◆ The Voter ID Card is the property of the Elections Commission
- ◆ Keep Your Voter ID Card in a safe place until Polling Day
- ◆ On Elections Day you will have to return your Voter ID Card

GENERAL ELECTIONS

1	A.F.G. ALLIANCE FOR GUYANA WPA/GLP/CITIZENS		
2	A.G.G.G. A GOOD AND GREEN GUYANA		
3	G.B.G. GOD BLESS GUYANA		
4	G.D.P. GUYANA DEMOCRATIC PARTY		
5	J.E.A.P. JUSTICE FOR ALL PARTY		
6	N.D.F. NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT		
7	N.I.P. NATIONAL INDEPENDENT PARTY		
8	P.N.C. PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS		
9	P.P.P./C. PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY/CIVIC		
10	T.U.F. THE UNITED FORCE		

REGIONAL ELECTIONS FOR REGION NO. 4

1	A.F.G. ALLIANCE FOR GUYANA WPA/GLP/CITIZENS		
2	A.G.G.G. A GOOD AND GREEN GUYANA		
3	G.D.P. GUYANA DEMOCRATIC PARTY		
4	J.E.A.P. JUSTICE FOR ALL PARTY		
5	P.N.C. PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS		
6	P.P.P./C. PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY/CIVIC		
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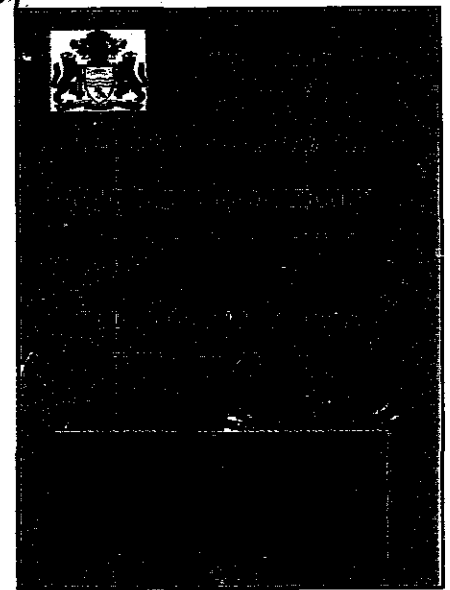
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2. Go To The Polling Place
marked on your Pink Slip

3. First mark an X
next to the Party of
your Choice for
General Election

AND THEN



Mark another X
next to the Party
of your Choice
for
Regional Election







- ◆ All eligible voters should receive this pink slip along with their Voter ID Card, stating Polling Division & Polling Place
 - ◆ If You have not received a Pink Slip, Check with the Registrar or Deputy Registrar,
- OR
- ◆ Ask a Political Party activist where is your Polling Place



ELECTIONS/POLLING DAY IS DECEMBER 15, 1997



PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



	<p>ALLIANCE FOR GUYANA W.P.A/G.L.P/CITIZENS <i>"Guyana for Guyanese"</i></p>	
<p><i>Dr Rupert Roopnaraine</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reconstruction with Human Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education for Tomorrow as priority <input type="checkbox"/> All Youth Opportunity 2000. <input type="checkbox"/> Women, Disabled and First People's Empowerment <input type="checkbox"/> Government open to People <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Crime Rate by Addressing Controls, Sanctions & Causes <input type="checkbox"/> Pro-Development Export Financing; Taxation; Capital Market; Producer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> Health Cost to Fit Needs <input type="checkbox"/> No Selling out of Guyana</p>		



	<p>NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT N.D.F <i>"A Better Way of Life"</i></p>	
<p><i>Joseph Bacchus</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Free Enterprise Market System <input type="checkbox"/> Development of Leading National Production Industries <input type="checkbox"/> Free Education from Kindergarten to High school and better pay for teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Creation of a Welfare State and Fostering Racial Unity <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Judicial system & Court of Appeal <input type="checkbox"/> Priority to Low Cost houses for Low Income earners <input type="checkbox"/> Relief for Destitute & Homeless</p>		



	<p>a GOOD AND GREEN GUYANA a.G.G.G <i>"Moral & Spiritual Revival"</i></p>	
<p><i>Hamilton Green</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reconciliation and Atonement <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of the Environment <input type="checkbox"/> Priority to Education & Health <input type="checkbox"/> Development of Financial & Human resources <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction of gap between rich & poor <input type="checkbox"/> National Youth Service <input type="checkbox"/> Open Market Economy <input type="checkbox"/> Better pay for Public Service Employees <input type="checkbox"/> Encouragement of Local business and industries <input type="checkbox"/> Rules concerning media government and privatization.</p>		



	<p>NATIONAL INDEPENDENT PARTY N.I.P <i>"Illumination, Modernisation & Unity"</i></p>	
<p><i>Saphier Hussain</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Constitution <input type="checkbox"/> Massive Hydro-project <input type="checkbox"/> Highway to Brazil to connect Boavista and Trans American Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Amnesty to Squatters and Title to Land <input type="checkbox"/> Genuine Intergrating Political System of all Guyanese Races <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Care established <input type="checkbox"/> National Insurance similar to schemes in Ontario <input type="checkbox"/> Better Wages for Public Employees <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Racist Political Culture <input type="checkbox"/> Full Control of Government Administration by Younger Persons</p>		



	<p>GOD BLESS GUYANA G.B.G <i>"Exalt Righteousness & Honesty"</i></p>	
<p><i>Hardat Persaud</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Full Development of : Gold & Timber Industries; Cash Crop & Cattle Rearing Industries; Fish & Life-Stock Industry; Stock-Feeds & Rice Industries <input type="checkbox"/> More Viable Sugar & Bauxite Industries <input type="checkbox"/> Lowering of Cost-of-Living <input type="checkbox"/> Better Housing & Electricity <input type="checkbox"/> Free Education & Health Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> More Land for the Tiller <input type="checkbox"/> Continued Development of all International Linkages</p>		

	<p>PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS P.N.C <i>"Making A Difference"</i></p>	
<p><i>Hugh Desmond Hoyte</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Development of Educational System <input type="checkbox"/> Provision of Health, Water, Housing & Sport Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Improvement of Standard of Living <input type="checkbox"/> End to Discrimination <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice to Protect the Poor & Disadvantaged <input type="checkbox"/> Encouragement of Private Initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction in crime & Improvement of Justice System <input type="checkbox"/> Honest, Decent, Competent, Efficient Governance <input type="checkbox"/> Qualified Experienced, Mature, Knowledgeable Leadership</p>		

	<p>GUYANA DEMOCRATIC PARTY G.D.P <i>"Organisator & Management"</i></p>	
<p><i>Asgar Ally</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pragmatic, Prudent, National Democratic Government <input type="checkbox"/> Management based on Multi-party Parliamentary Democracy, Market Oriented Economic System & Social Justice <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership towards Socio-political & Financial development <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration of Family & Moral Values <input type="checkbox"/> Government based on Unity & Order <input type="checkbox"/> Opposition to all forms of Discrimination; Establishment of a Race Commission & Activating the Integrity Commission</p>		

	<p>PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY /CIVIC P.P.P./C <i>"Continued Progress in the 21st Century"</i></p>	
<p><i>Janet Jagan</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Balanced Economic & Social Development <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain Social Stability & Harmonious Inter-ethnic Relations & Development <input type="checkbox"/> Heightened Democratic Involvement at all Levels <input type="checkbox"/> Strong Tripartite Relations among Government, Labour & Private Sector <input type="checkbox"/> Eradication of Poverty <input type="checkbox"/> Increased Allocations for Social Services</p>		

	<p>JUSTICE FOR ALL PARTY J.F.A.P. <i>"Vote For A Change Not For Race"</i></p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Lowering of Cost of Living <input type="checkbox"/> Free Trade with CARICOM, Central & Latin America <input type="checkbox"/> Guarantee of right to relevant Education <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate Health for all <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution to ethnic problem <input type="checkbox"/> Land titles to Amerindians <input type="checkbox"/> Restructuring of Tax System <input type="checkbox"/> Low cost Housing; Land at reasonable cost <input type="checkbox"/> Low-interest Loans to small farmers <input type="checkbox"/> Protection & Care for the Disadvantaged - pensioners, street children, women</p>		

	<p>THE UNITED FORCE T.U.F. <i>"Meaningful Change"</i></p>	
<p><i>Manzoor Nadir</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Stengthening Community ties & Investment in People <input type="checkbox"/> Creation & Implementation of Innovative Solutions to Unemployment, Crime, Education & Cost-of-living <input type="checkbox"/> Resources for Modernizing & Strengthening National Industries <input type="checkbox"/> Ensuring basis for lasting Recovery <input type="checkbox"/> Sound Financial Management <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Personal Choices & Responsibilities <input type="checkbox"/> Better Health Care & Basic Services - Living Standards <input type="checkbox"/> Wise Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Revival of People's Spirit - Restoration of Country's Reputation</p>		

POLITICAL PARTIES' CODE OF CONDUCT

To uphold the principle of free speech and to discourage members and supporters from disrupting meetings and gatherings of other political parties.

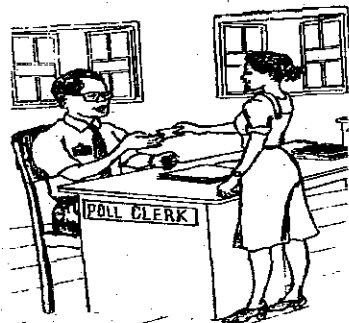
To ensure that speeches, slogans, posters, handbills and other advertisements do not contain material offending public morality, decorum, decency or taunts, ridicule, innuendoes or defamatory matter.

VOTE FOR THE PARTY OF YOUR CHOICE
YOUR BALLOT IS SECRET

AT THE POLLING PLACE



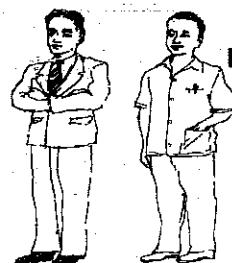
Voter enters Polling Place
1



Voter presents her
Voter ID card
to the Poll Clerk
2



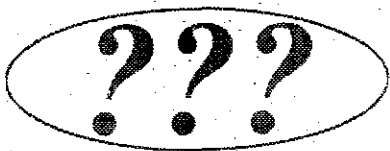
Poll Clerk checks List;
Calls out particulars;
3



Foreign and Local Observers



Poll Clerk stamps
the Voter ID Card
and places in Box
4



Q: How do I know where to Vote?

A: In most cases you will vote at the same place you were registered to vote and were photographed.

Q: How can I contact the Guyana Elections Commission?

A: The Guyana Elections Commission and the N.R.C. are one body. If you have general questions please call our hotline below. If you have any further queries or need any further specific information about your Region call the appropriate Elections Officer listed below.

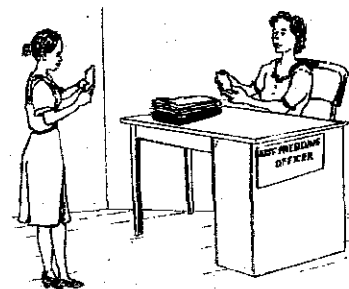
Q: Can I vote without a Voter ID Card?

A: In these Elections you will not be able to vote without a Voter ID Card.



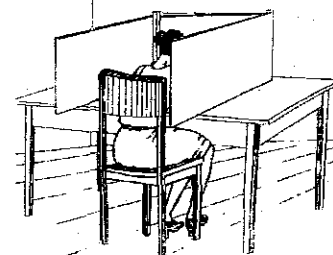
Poll Clerk directs
her to Assistant
Presiding Officer
5

Polling Agents



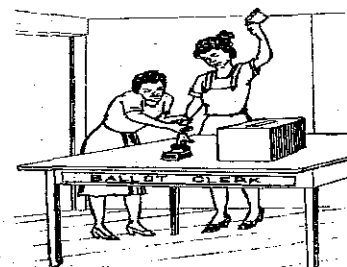
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Assistant Presiding Officer
Issues Ballot Paper;
Advises Voter how to vote
and fold Ballot Paper
Directs Voter to Voting
Compartment and Ballot Box



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Voter enters
Voting Compartment;
Marks Ballot, and Folds it



Voter goes to
Ballot Clerk;
Stains Finger
8



Voter leaves Polling Place
10



Voter Places Ballot
in Ballot Box
9

VOTER EDUCATION & INFORMATION HOTLINES:

- Region 2: 071-384
- Region 3: 064-2671 / 064-2457
- Region 4: 61255/61073/57462/60221
- Region 6: 037-2410
- Region 7: 05-2228
- Region 10: 04-6067 / 04-2529

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- *See your Divisional Registrar
- *Call the EC Hot Line
- *See your Political Party
- *Check the Elections Commission Information Hour, ON RADIO & TELEVISION

Guyana Elections Commission
Address: Lot 41, High Street,
Kingston, Georgetown
Internet:
<http://gold.org.gy/elections/>
email: elections@sdpn.org.gy

WHY VOTE?

Voting is one of the central ways of participating in the Democratic Process. Through the power of the Vote, citizens can decide on the Government and Policies which best represent their interests. Voting is an act of faith in the process. Voting is also a chance to change the process of deciding who determines the Policies.

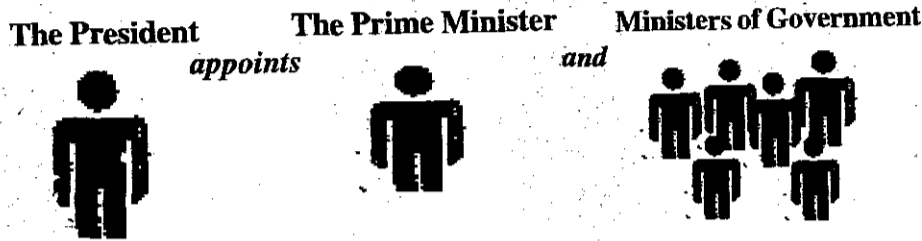
**Vote Early:
Polling Stations open: 6:00 a.m to 6:00. p.m.**

AFTER POLLING DAY

A NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE ELECTED

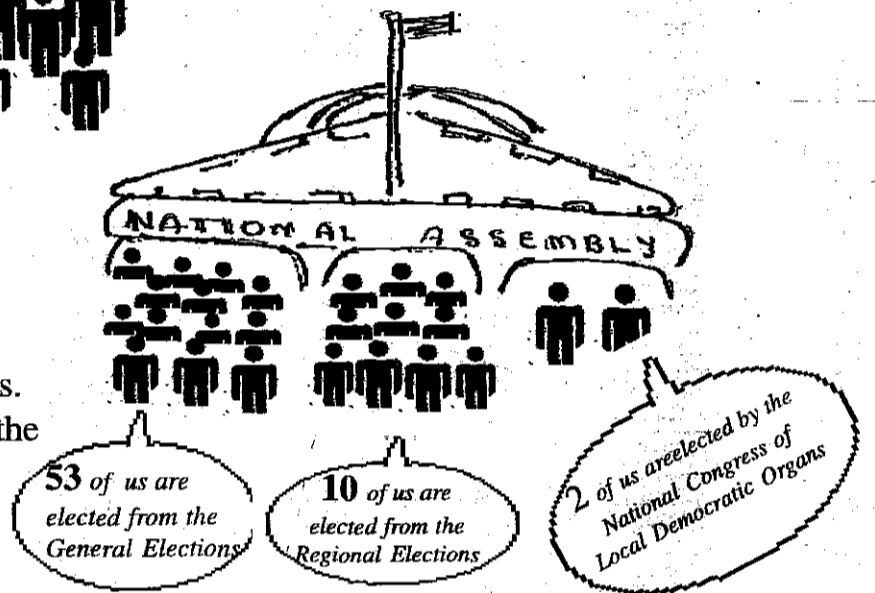
After Elections results have been made known, the President appoints the Prime Minister, the Vice-President and Ministers, and decides what jobs they must each carry out. The President also appoints the Attorney-General, the Minority Leader and the Parliamentary Secretaries.

To govern the country is a very big job.
The Government carries out its duties through Parliament.

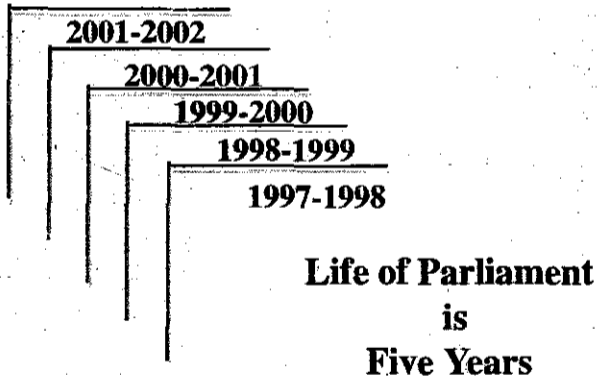


THE 7TH PARLIAMENT

The National Assembly is another name for Parliament and is made up of 65 Elected Members. It makes the laws. It can also change laws and make new laws. It made the most important law in the country which is called the **Constitution**. The President is part of the Parliament, but not part of the National Assembly. The President has the power to attend and speak to Members of Parliament at any time and to send any message.



Members of Parliament meet at the Public Buildings in Georgetown and these Meetings are called **Sittings**.



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ELECTIONS

- *Elections must be Free and Fair
- *If you are a Guyanese citizen and at least 18 years old, you can vote in secret in elections
- *The Party that wins the most votes in proportion to the entire nation becomes the Government
- *Elections have to be held at least every 5 years

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TOTAL ELECTORATE 460,000

Youth	18-21	42,110
	22-35	203,392

ENSURE YOU VOTE IN '97

