

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

## OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday, 7th August, 1997

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

*[The Temporary Deputy Speaker  
(Mr. Wetangula) in the Chair]*

### PRAYERS

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*Question No.417*

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#### REHABILITATION OF DROUGHT VICTIMS

**Mr. Farah** asked the Minister of State, Office of the President:-

(a) whether he is aware that there are 30,000 to 40,000 drought displaced persons living in Garissa Town; and,

(b) whether the Government has devised any project to rehabilitate the affected people in farming activities along the river or in other habitable areas.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): Is there anybody from the Office of the President? That Question will be stood over for now. Next Question!

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#### CONSTITUTION OF LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD

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(a) whether he is aware that the District Commissioner Bungoma has not yet constituted the Traditional Liquor Licensing Board for Bungoma District for 1997; and,

(b) whether he could direct the District Commissioner to immediately constitute the said Board.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): I think there is nobody here from the Office of the President and the Question will be stood over for the moment.

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*Question No.544*

## EVICTION OF RESIDENTS FROM ANCESTRAL LAND

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): Mr. Mumba is not here? The Question will be stood over for now.

Next Question!

*Question 214*

## ISSUANCE OF TITLE DEEDS IN GACHOKA

**Mr. Nyagah** asked the Minister for Lands and Settlement:-

(a) since land adjudication was carried out and finalised in Mbita and Kirima Sub-locations of Gachoka Constituency in 1972, what has delayed the issuance of title deeds; and,

(b) when the Ministry will issue the title deeds so as to enable the owners to develop their land.

**The Assistant Minister for Lands and Settlement** (Mr. Sumbeiywo): Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to reply.

(a) Mbita and Kirima Sub-locations were declared adjudication sections on 22nd November, 1972 and 21st July, 1972. Demarcation on the ground started immediately. It has not been finalised but the maps are being checked with a view to finalising the adjudication process.

(b) The title deeds will be issued immediately adjudication work is finalised.

**Mr. Nyagah:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, while appreciating the answer given by the Assistant Minister, it has taken 25 years for this location and Mbere at large to be issued with title deeds. I would like to request the Assistant Minister to be more serious because he is a serious man, to issue title deeds to Mbere District, so that the Mbere people can utilise their land and develop economically. Can the Assistant Minister, in all sincerity, tell this House when that will be done, bearing in mind that three years ago, the Minister for Lands and Settlement promised this House that title deeds would be given by the end of that year and three years later, nothing has happened. We are ashamed to be part of Kenya if we cannot be given title deeds in order to develop our land. When are you going to issue these title deeds?

**Mr. Sumbeiywo:** It is true that the finalisation of surveys and adjudication in this area has taken too long. The reasons for this long delay by the Director of Survey in publishing the final maps is due to correction of errors in the maps which sometimes necessitates the sending of the maps back to the districts for rectification. Secondly, inadequate finances to buy drawing and printing materials has led to a backlog in processing and finalisation of adjudication maps.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, you will realise that when I was answering some questions from hon. Members on the Floor of this House, I categorically assured the House that adjudication work in the country is going on, and the Ministry has employed more staff that are going to carry out this work and I can assure the hon. Nyagah that I will pursue this one because the documents---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): Mr. Sumbeiywo, I think you are saying so much and yet, he asked you a very simple question: When are his people getting title deeds?

**Mr. Sumbeiywo:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I wanted to explain that a bit because---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): We do not have time for that explanation. We have over 10 Questions to be answered within one hour.

**Mr. Sumbeiywo:** But I realised that some of the Questioners have come in and so, I wanted to give the hon. Member the correct answer.

As soon as the Ministry's budget is passed by this House, I am sure I will get money to process those documents.

**Mr. Nyagah:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, while appreciating the fact the Ministry is making the work increasingly more difficult for the people standing on KANU tickets during this General Elections by not issuing title deeds; while appreciating what the Assistant Minister has said, that once the budget of the Ministry has been approved, they will finalise adjudication, I would like him to tell this House whether a provision for this in my Constituency has been catered for and if so, what date are we likely to get our title deeds?

**Mr. Sumbeiywo:** I would like to inform the House that funds have been set aside for adjudication work and

survey throughout the country and not Gachoka alone.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): Mr. Mwavumo's Question.

*Question No.345*

REFUND OF MR. MGWICHO'S DEPOSIT

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): I can see that Mwavumo is not yet here! We will go back to Mr. R.K. Munga's Question.

*Question No.417*

DISTRIBUTION OF FAMINE RELIEF IN MAKUYU

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): Mr. R.K. Mungai is still not here? His Question is dropped.

*(Question dropped)*

We will have Dr. Kituyi's Question for the second time.

*Question No.333*

USE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES BY  
SENIOR OFFICERS

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): Dr. Kituyi is still not here? His Question is also dropped.

*(Question dropped)*

Let us have Mr. Farah's Question.

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REHABILITATION OF DROUGHT VICTIMS

**Mr. Farah** asked the Minister of State, Office of the President:-

(a) whether he is aware that there are 30,000 to 40,000 drought displaced persons living in Garissa Town; and,

(b) which projects the Government has devised to rehabilitate the affected people in farming activities along the river or in other habitable areas.

**The Minister of State, Office of the President** (Mr. Koech): Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to reply.

**Mr. Karan:** On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. I thought Mr. Koech had resigned and so he is a stranger in the House! How is he answering the Question? He resigned and everything was published in the local daily newspapers! Can you clear this matter?

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): Order! That is a very mischievous point of order! The Chair is not aware of Mr. Koech not being in the Cabinet.

**The Minister of State, Office of the President** (Mr. Koech): Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to reply.

(a) Yes, I am aware that between 30,000 and 40,000 drought displaced persons are living in Garissa.

(b) The intention of the Government is to have the victims moved back to their original centres. This is being done by providing the facilities required like water. The northern divisions of Liboi, Daadab and Shakaba are served by 13 boreholes which are fully operational. Four extra boreholes have been drilled to augment urban water supply. Other boreholes have been drilled at Dailu and plans are under way to drill two more boreholes in Gulan and

Ndab Locations.

**Mr. Farah:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, my Question was on what project the Government has devised to rehabilitate the affected people in farming activities along the river. These people were displaced and lost all their livestock. If the Minister takes them back to their original areas where he has drilled boreholes, will they live only on water since their livestock was wiped out by drought? Why can the Minister not talk about plans for augmenting the traditional way of life of the people by establishing irrigation projects along the river? He should try and settle these displaced people who do not have any more livestock now.

**Mr. Koech:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I agree with the hon. Member that these displaced people have lost their livestock. We are doing everything possible to make sure that more boreholes are drilled and some equipment for irrigation is provided along the river. In addition to that, we have provided some seeds. Since these are displaced and helpless people we must do something to enable them re-start their lives. We are also thinking of trying to see whether it is possible to assist these people through the Social Dimensions of Development Programme. We have not come to this stage, but we are negotiating for some funds. If these negotiations succeed, I believe that those displaced people, who are of great concern to us, will be assisted.

**Mr. Leshore:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Minister has said that he is "thinking" while over 40,000 Kenyans are starving. Could he tell the House what specific projects are on-going now? We should not wait until all these people die!

**Mr. Koech:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, first and foremost, we are feeding these people. Secondly, we have provided 28 irrigation pumps for 28 groups. I believe that these pumps will assist these people. We have also given them seeds. I said that we are trying to get some funds through the Social Dimensions of Development Programme to assist them.

**Busolo:** Mr Speaker, Sir, the Minister has talked about some assistance through the Social Dimensions of Development facility, but since last year when this programme began, I am not aware of any funds that have been released to any of its projects. Could the Minister tell us, in this particular case, how much money has been set aside and for how many people?

**Mr. Koech:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I think hon. Members should understand what we mean by "social dimensions of development". Even the bursaries we give to destitute people are part and parcel of the Social Dimensions of Development Programme. It also includes the programme which I mentioned earlier.

**Mr. Farah:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, in the first place, the hon. Minister has talked about funds being given to groups. These groups existed much earlier than the drought displaced people. The drought displaced people are in Garissa Town and have almost doubled the population of the Town. The Minister cannot take these people back to their original areas to live on water from boreholes alone. Since the water of Tana River is not being used fully, we will continue to have one drought after another. Can the Minister tell the House, as a matter of urgency, what the Government is doing now to rehabilitate those people into a sustainable kind of living?

**Mr. Koech:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, quite a good number of people in North Eastern Province have been displaced. Through the Drought Recovery Programme, the Government is drilling boreholes and rehabilitating dams. These will be of some assistance to these people. We are also feeding the drought victims. We have given them seeds. I think the hon. Member should suggest to the Garissa District Development Committee how best we can assist these people. We know that the drought problem in this country was worse in this year than in the past. What we have done is to, first and foremost, make sure that these people have got food to eat. Our next step is to find the best way of rehabilitating them so that they can get into some gainful employment and avoid depending on hand-outs. That is the programme the Government has at hand.

*Question No.438*

CONSTITUTION OF LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD

**Mr. Busolo** asked the Minister of State, Office of the President:

- (a) whether he is aware that the District Commissioner, Bungoma, has not yet constituted the Traditional Liquor Licensing Board for Bungoma District for the year 1997; and,
- (b) whether he could direct the District Commissioner to immediately constitute the said Board.

**The Assistant Minister, Office of the President** (Mr. Sunkuli): Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to reply.

(a) The District Commissioner, Bungoma, has already forwarded the names of the members of the Bungoma Traditional Liquor Licensing Board for 1997 to my office for gazettelement, and the same is being processed.

(b) Arising from my answer to part (a) above, part (b) of the Question does not arise.

**Mr. Busolo:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, whereas I would like to thank the hon. Assistant Minister for this positive answer, being aware of unfulfilled promises here and there, I would like him to assure this House that the Kenya Gazette which will come out this week on Friday will contain the names of the people that the DC forwarded to his office. Could he assure this House that will be done this week?

**Mr. Sunkuli:** They will be gazetted by Friday, 15th August, 1997.

**Dr. Lwali-Oyondi:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, while licensing traditional liquor and knowing the negative effect it has on the people who take it, will the Assistant Minister assure this House and the nation that it will only be taken from 5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. so as to deter people from engaging in drinking the liquor the whole day and doing no work?

**Mr. Sunkuli:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I think hon. Dr. Lwali-Oyondi has missed the point. What was requested of me was a gazette of a Traditional Liquor Licensing Board under Section 3 of Cap. 122 of the Laws of Kenya. I am not talking about the licensing of liquor, but the gazette of a board.

**Mr. Munyasia:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, the absence of a Traditional Liquor Licensing Board in Bungoma has meant that people found brewing or selling busaa without licences have no defence before the courts of law. Could the Assistant Minister consider asking the Attorney-General to advise the prosecutors to drop cases of people arraigned in courts in Bungoma for breaking Section 25 of the Traditional Liquor Licensing Act?

**Mr. Sunkuli:** No, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. It is not the policy of the Government at all to encourage people to drink traditional liquor. I also doubt very much if it is in the interest of the people of Bungoma. If I may recall, sometimes back, in a public meeting that I attended in Bungoma, one hon. Member tried to express his own opinion about traditional liquor and I could see that it was not in the interest of the people of Bungoma that this be liberalized.

**Mr. Munyasia:** On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. The Assistant Minister has not answered my question. I said that, because of the absence of the Traditional Liquor Licensing Board, people in Bungoma have not been able to get licences to brew traditional liquor and they are being arraigned in courts of law for lack of licences. Could the Assistant Minister consider asking the Attorney-General to order the courts in Bungoma not to hear those cases because there has been no board to give the licences, in the first place?

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Wetangula):** There is no law that requires the Attorney-General to direct any court not to hear any case. He can only withdraw cases, but cannot tell a court not to hear a case.

**Mr. Munyasia:** But that is what I am saying!

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Wetangula):** For the second time, Mr. Mumba's Question.

**Mr. Mcharo:** I wish to apologise for coming late and go ahead and ask the Question on behalf of Mr. Mumba.

#### *Question No.544*

#### EVICTON OF RESIDENTS FROM ANCESTRAL LAND

**Mr. Mcharo**, on behalf of **Mr. Mumba**, asked the Minister for Lands and Settlement:-

- (a) whether he is aware that the strip of land bordering the sea, with a width of 200 metres from the high water mark in the Mtondia/Roka Scheme in Kilifi District, has been occupied by indigenous people since time immemorial;
- (b) whether he is further aware that during the adjudication exercise in 1986, this piece of land was excluded from the adjudication exercise and wananchi living in the area were denied the right to own their ancestral lands; and,
- (c) why the Government allocated this stretch of land to other people, instead of the indigenous people who are now being evicted from their ancestral land.

**The Assistant Minister for Lands and Settlement (Mr. Kaino):** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, my colleague was here and if the Questioner was around to ask the Question the first time it was called out, he would have delivered the message which I have.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Wetangula):** Mr. Kaino, you must apologise to the House. This is the second time we are calling out the Question.

**The Assistant Minister for Agriculture, Livestock Development and Marketing (Mr. Osogo):** On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. When the Question was called out the first time, the hon. Questioner was not there to ask it.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): Hon. Osogo is right. You have nothing to apologise for.

**The Assistant Minister for Lands and Settlement** (Mr. Kaino): Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would still require some time to get more facts to be able to answer this Question because it is very complicated. The officer in charge of land in Coast Province is working on this Question very hard. The Questioner availed some documents to my office and I have handed them over to the officer. The officer is now busy preparing an answer and we will be ready to give a Ministerial Statement on this particular Question.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): Was this Question here two weeks ago?

**Mr. Mcharo:** Yes, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): Mr. Kaino, I was in the Chair when this Question came up. You gave an answer that appeared to be at variance with the facts given by hon. Badawy and we told you to go and bring more facts. At that time, you did not plead that the Question was complicated.

**The Assistant Minister for Lands and Settlement** (Mr. Kaino): Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, it is true that you were in the Chair when this Question first came up. When I went back to the Ministry, I found that the Question required more facts than we had given. I want to bring a well-researched answer, and that is why I have authorised my officers to carry out a thorough research. I did find out that the matter mentioned in the Question touches on many people, some of whom are in my Ministry. So, we are trying to get adequate answer to this Question.

**Mr. Mcharo:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am happy that the Assistant Minister is aware of the fact that there are a lot of problems in connection with the piece of land referred to in this Question. I would like to know from him when he will bring the answer since his officers are working very hard to get the relevant information?

**The Assistant Minister for Lands and Settlement** (Mr. Kaino): Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, by next week, this time, I am sure the answer will be ready.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): Mr. Kaino, that is a further contradiction from you. You said that this Question was so complex that you needed to deal with it by way of a Ministerial Statement. Now, you are saying that you will answer it next week, this time. Which one is which?

**The Assistant Minister for Lands and Settlement** (Mr. Kaino): I would like to bring a Ministerial Statement. After discussing the issue with my officers at the Coast, they told me that they were preparing a very comprehensive Ministerial Statement. Therefore, I believe that by that time, my officers will have the answer ready.

**Dr. Lwali-Oyondi:** On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. When a Minister brings a Ministerial Statement here, there is no way hon. Members can ask him questions. He simply reads the statement with one or two clarifications and then he sits down. Would it not do justice to the hon. Questioner if the Question is put on the Order Paper?

**The Assistant Minister for Lands and Settlement** (Mr. Kaino): Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, we depend on our officers to give us answers to the Questions that are asked in this House. For this Question, these officers preferred a Ministerial Statement. I undertake to bring a Ministerial Statement on this Question, next week, at this time.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): Mr. Kaino, I will not accede to your request to give a Ministerial Statement because it will curtail the participation of hon. Members in the Question. You will have to bring a comprehensive answer to this Question on Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m.

**The Assistant Minister for Lands and Settlement** (Mr. Kaino): Yes, Sir, I will do exactly that.

*Question No.345*

REFUND OF MR. MGWICHO'S DEPOSIT

**Mr. Mwavumo** asked the Attorney-General:-

- (a) whether he could inform the House when Mzee Mwalim Mohamed Mgwicho will be paid his money which he banked with Pioneer Building Society, Deposit Receipt No.03501 of 29th July, 1986; and,
- (b) whether he could explain why it has taken so long to pay Mr. Mgwicho.

**The Attorney-General** (Mr. Wako): Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, first, I wish to apologise for coming in late. With that, I beg to reply.

(a) Mzee Mwalim Mohamed Mgwicho will be paid his dividend amount once he fills and returns the dividend forms already sent to him.

(b) It has taken long to pay him his dividend amount because of failure to fill in the original forms earlier sent to him.

I may add that, I have actually come with the forms. So, if the hon. Member can pick them from me, Mr. Mgwicho can fill them and return them to my office. If he does that, he will be paid his dues on the same day.

**Mr. Mwavumo:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I did help Mzee Mwalim Mgwicho to fill the forms. I wonder why the hon. Attorney-General wants me to fill the same forms again?

**Mr. Wako:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, according to the records in my office, the forms have not been returned duly filled. That is why I came with a copy for him to fill.

**Dr. Lwali-Oyondi:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, this is a Question that affects the whole country because Pioneer Building Society had branches in Nakuru, Nairobi and other towns, and so far many people have not been paid their dues. Could the Attorney-General now state how much money those people who had been banking with this financial institution are going to be paid because, as far as I know, this particular society is under liquidation? How much money will they be paid per pound?

**Mr. Wako:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, as of now, they would receive Kshs6.50 per pound. We hope that we shall be in a position to pay more in future.

**Mr. Farah:** On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. The Minister has told the House that the forms have not been returned to his office, but I thought I heard the hon. Questioner say that he filled them himself and returned them? There is something that is missing out here.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Wetangula):** The Chair cannot resolve that dispute---

**Mr. Farah:** Yes, but could the Attorney-General right now take receipt of that form and get further details from the hon. Member as to when he filled the forms?

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Wetangula):** Order! Order, hon. Farah! If you heard very well what the hon. Attorney-General said, he said, "fill the form, bring it and you will be paid the same day".

**Mr. Farah:** Take it where; to who?

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Wetangula):** To the Attorney-General himself!

Next Order.

## QUESTIONS BY PRIVATE NOTICE

### SELECTION OF CRAFTSMANSHIP TRAINEES

**(Mr. Cheserek)** to ask the Minister for Energy:-

(a) How many craftsmanship trainees were taken during the recent Kenya Power and Lighting Company College recruitment?

(b) Could the Minister give a breakdown of the trainees per district?

(c) Why was the letter of offer for Mr. Joseph Silayah to attend this course retracted and cancelled at the last minute?

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Wetangula):** Mr. Cheserek is not in? We will leave this Question until the end then.

Next Question, Mr. Otieno Karan.

### SECURITY OF SCHOOL PUPILS

**Mr. Karan:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to ask the Minister for Education the following Question by Private Notice.

(a) Is the Minister aware that Miss Rose Awino Omondi of Standard III and Miss Nivia Atieno Owiti of Standard IV at Kanyateng' Primary School suffered serious injuries as a result of road accident at 9.30 a.m. on 23rd June, 1997, near Urudi Market in Lower Nyakach Division?

(b) Is he further aware that the lives of young pupils in our schools is at risk due to exposure on roads by teachers at the demand of politicians?

(c) What led these young pupils being out of school at the time when they were supposed to be in class and what are their current conditions?

**The Assistant Minister for Education (Mrs. Ndeti):** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to reply.

(a) Yes, I am aware.

(b) I am not aware.

(c) On the material day, pupils from Kanyateng' Primary School had gone to join members of the public around in wishing the Head of State well as he passed by as a show of patriotism, which is a rare occasion, and school

pupils are normally enthusiastic and curious about.

In spite of the swift action taken by the Nyanza Provincial Administration to seek immediate medical attention for the two pupils following the accident, I am saddened to report that Miss Rose Awino Omondi died on 24th June, 1997, while undergoing treatment in the intensive care unit at the Nyanza Provincial General Hospital. However, Miss Nivia Atieno Owiti of Standard IV was treated at Nyanza Provincial General Hospital and later discharged. She is back at school and attending classes normally.

**Mr. Karan:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, this is a sad case where two young girls had left their parents' house to go to school to study, only to find themselves led by their teachers to offer artificial support to the President when he was passing by that route. When this accident occurred, there was no sign of concern because the body of the young girl was put in a boot and dropped at a health because those people thought she had died. Can the Assistant Minister tell this House the registration number of the vehicle which was involved in the accident, and whether the case was ever reported to any police station and what is the position of the case at the moment?

**Mrs. Ndetei:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, during this accident, there was an entourage of vehicles and it is not clear, up to now, as to which actual vehicle was involved in this accident. If the hon. Member has got information, he can pass it on to us for further investigation.

**Dr. Kituyi:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, this is not the first time that school kids have been hoarded to the road to lend an appearance of popularity to the Head of this Government and vehicles in his entourage have sped at crazy speeds. We know of cases of pupils who were killed in Kisii last year and now, we have this sad case. Could the Assistant Minister tell this House why Government officers force headteachers to close schools and take kids to the road, to pretend that they are happy that Moi is driving past when the kids have nothing to do with what Moi is trying to do? Could she tell the House, if the Ministry can now stop forcing the children to go to the road and pretend that they like Moi?

**Mrs. Ndetei:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, the question is whether our officers force children to go to the road. I am not aware that they are ordered to go there by force.

**Prof. Ouma:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, this is an important issue. It is important that children go to school to learn and children cannot go out of class on their own and troop to the road. Can we know whether it is a policy of the Ministry of Education that whenever an important dignitary passes by, the children shall be trooped out of classes to clap for him, so that we can know if it is an official policy? If it is not, by what rights, under what principles, and what chapter of the Education Act are they behaving like that?

**Mrs. Ndetei:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, it is not a policy of the Ministry of Education that children must go out of class to cheer the President when he is passing by. But we also know that, even the public at large do enthusiastically go to cheer the President when he is passing by. I believe these children are part of this society.

**Mr. Karan:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Gracious Lady is laughing when answering this question, but this is a very sad case. It was reported on the 26th June, 1997, that a Presidential Escort car knocked down this young girl and they never bothered to take her for treatment. Can the Assistant Minister tell this House why the Provincial Administration gave the family Kshs25,000 for burial expenses, if she is not aware that the Presidential Escort car is the one that killed this lady?

**Mrs. Ndetei:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, this happened during an entourage. An entourage has got many cars, like the Presidential motorcade, public cars, private and individual cars. The Provincial Administration gave this money to the family to assist them meet medical bills and funeral expenses. But at the moment, it is not very clear which particular car was involved in this accident, so that the matter can be dealt with from that particular car which caused the accident.

**Mr. Nyagah:** Thank you very much, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. I think time has come for us to be serious when we give answers here. *Ecclesiastes 3:1* says, "There is a time and a season for everything". There must be time for change now. We want to hear this policy from hon. Mrs. Ndetei, about school children going to the road to meet important dignitaries. Can the Ministry give a directive to the headteachers and be serious on this directive, that the children would not be trooped on the side of the road to meet the Head of the Government and Ministers because they should be in school? Can she give those directives through circulars so that we do not see them again on the road, as a policy of the Ministry, then we will understand that this Government is serious?

I am very sure that hon. Mrs. Ndetei would hate to see any of her children staying on the road and being roasted by the sun so as to meet a human being.

**Mrs. Ndetei:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, according to the *Ecclesiastes* verse which was quoted, it also says: "There is a time to laugh and a time to cry". I believe this was a time to cry because it was sad. I have not laughed about what happened. I am very much mad because hon. Dr. Kituyi is making funny noises in Kiluhya,

which I do not understand. It is superfluous to tell the Ministry to make a policy against it because in the first place, there is no policy that the children must go to the road. Even if we tell the children to stay at home because the President is passing by, they would go on their own will to the road and cheer the President and their parents would do the same.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, it is sad that this girl died. In fact, it is very sad that this accident happened, and accidents will continue to happen whether there is a change of Government or not.

**Dr. Lwali-Oyondi:** On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. Is the Assistant Minister in order to avoid answering the supplementary question as asked; if she would from now onwards stop kids from swelling political rallies whether they are Opposition, Presidential, Ministers or Members of Parliament and so on?

**Mrs. Ndetei:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, in fact, I am very surprised that the hon. Member thinks that children only come out when His Excellency the President is passing by. I have seen occasions when Opposition leaders are visiting certain parts of this country and children are on the road to cheer them, particularly on Saturdays. So, the question of children being on the road or not has nothing to do with His Excellency the President. It is not the Ministry's directive that the children must be there. So, it is superfluous to be told to ban it. We have not said it has to be there. We have not encouraged it in the first place.

**Mr. Karan:** Can the Assistant Minister tell this House why this accident was not reported to any police station, if it was not for the reason of hiding the fact that it was the Presidential car which killed this lady?

**Mrs. Ndetei:** I do not think anyone is hiding anything. All we have said is that if there is any specific report, we will act on it. Nobody has reported and there is no claimant. If somebody claims, then it will be dealt with by the Government.

**Mr. Karan:** On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. The gracious lady is not answering my question. I have asked her why this particular accident was not reported. As the head of this Ministry, can she undertake to find out whether it was reported or not? If it was not reported, what was the reason, other than hiding the fact that a Presidential car had killed that innocent lady, and despite the fact that, it is always claimed the President has love for the children of this country?

**Mrs. Ndetei:** What we have on record is the parents claiming Kshs52,000 as part of burial and medical expenses. The parents could have gone ahead and reported to the police. Nobody has reported to the police. So, we are waiting and if somebody reports, then we will take it up.

#### INCREASE OF TYPHOID CASES IN NAIROBI

**(Mr. Murungi)** to ask the Minister for Local Government:-

- (a) Is the Minister aware that cases of typhoid have increased in all parts of Nairobi because the water is not treated?
- (b) Is he further aware that the tenderer who was awarded a Kshs70 million contract to supply chlorine to Nairobi City Council supplied chalk instead, and that soon after payment of the Kshs70 million, the said businessman bought a new Mercedes Benz and three houses in Runda Estate?
- (c) What urgent steps is the Minister taking to ensure that the said person supplies chlorine to Nairobi City Council so that the water can be treated?

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): I understand this Question is to be put off until Thursday next week, because hon. Murungi is away in Meru.

*(Question deferred)*

#### HARASSMENT OF HAWKERS

**Mr. Ruhii:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to ask the Minister for Local Government the following Question by Private Notice.

What circumstances led to the harassment and arrest of hawkers in Kayole and Umoja estates on Monday 4th August, 1997 by the Nairobi City Council *askaris*?

**The Assistant Minister for Local Government** (Mr. Kamuren): Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to reply.

Hawkers in Kayole and Umoja estates were not harassed by the Nairobi City Council *askaris* on Monday, 4th August, 1997. The hawkers were only requested to produce council licences to back up the activities by revenue collection officers in a normal revenue collection operation by the council, in conformity with the City Council

by-laws. The Nairobi City Council *askaris* were on normal duty to provide security to the revenue collection officers.

I would like my friend, hon. Ruhiu, to know the following: While on revenue collection operations, the revenue collection officers are provided with security by the City Council *askaris* so that the exercise is carried out smoothly. Secondly, there are incidences where hawkers with no licences, together with those who are operating illegally, panic on seeing the revenue collection officers accompanied by *askaris*. Their efforts to run away may be mistaken for harassment. Thirdly, in other instances, illegal hawkers confront the revenue collectors and the *askaris*, in an illegal attempt to evade payment of revenue. Thank you.

**Mr. Ruhiu:** This is a very surprising answer from the Assistant Minister for Local Government. The truth of the matter is that we know very well the reason why the International Monetary Fund (IMF) did not give aid to Kenya is because of bribery and corruption. The City Council *askaris*, headed by the Director of City Council Operations, are a highly corrupt force. Corruption within this force is not endemic but pandemic. I was present on that day and I followed this lorry around the estates. I wanted to know why they were arrested. They were being arrested, driven a few miles, and then dropped. These were hawkers with licences. But when the Head of that Department gets broke, he sends his forces to go and harass licensed hawkers. If you cough out Kshs200, you are released. I would like to ask the Assistant Minister for Local Government this question: Since when did the City Council have a mobile revenue collection unit? We know very well that all the hawkers in Nairobi go and pay at the cash office at City Hall. What were the revenue collectors doing at that time?

**Mr. Kamuren:** With due respect to hon. Ruhiu, he should not drag the IMF into a question of this nature. It does not pay us any dividends. The most important thing is that the *askaris* who were accompanying the revenue collectors were seen by the hawkers. They thought that there was something peculiar. I want to make it clear to the House that there was nothing else but collection of revenue in those particular areas.

**Mr. Ruhiu:** I asked the Assistant Minister to tell me since when did the City Council have a mobile revenue collection unit. We know that the hawkers go to City Hall or any council office to pay their revenue there. Since when did the City Council have a mobile unit?

**Mr. Kamuren:** This is a cosmopolitan city and we have very many people---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Wetangula):** Order, hon. Kamuren. The question is so simple. When did you start a mobile revenue collection unit? Do you have it or not? Do you have the dates?

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Wetangula):** Question No. 1 by Private Notice!

#### SELECTION OF CRAFTSMANSHIP TRAINEES

**(Mr. Cheserek)** to ask the Minister for Energy:-

(a) How many craftsmanship trainees were taken during the recent Kenya Power and Lighting Company College recruitment?

(b) Could the Minister give a breakdown of the trainees per district?

(c) Why was the letter of offer for Mr. Joseph Silayah to attend this course retracted and cancelled at the last minute?

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Wetangula):** Mr. Cheserek still not here? Question dropped!

*(Question dropped)*

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Wetangula):** Next order!

#### MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

##### RESUMPTION OF FLIGHTS TO BURUNDI

**The Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation (Mr. Muchilwa):** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, at the 16th April, 1997 Regional Summit on the Burundi conflict, leaders reviewed sanctions on Burundi after President Pierre Buyoya had made representations on the action he had taken to restore constitutional order in the country.

The Summit eased sanctions on all food products, all items relating to education and construction materials, all types of medicines and all agricultural items and inputs in an effort to alleviate the suffering of the people of that country. Subsequently, Burundi requested to be allowed to import fuel to assist in the transportation and distribution of these items. In response to his request, the Government of Kenya has allowed Burundi to purchase limited amounts of

fuel on humanitarian grounds. Further, taking into account the prevailing situation in the Great Lakes Region, the Government removed sanctions on air travel between Kenya and Burundi. It is no-longer necessary for transport operators including UN agencies to seek clearance on flights to Burundi. The usual Civil Aviation Regulations will apply.

The decision was taken, pending a meeting by the Ministerial Technical Committee of foreign ministers scheduled to take place on 16th August, 1997 in Kampala, Uganda to discuss developments in the Great Lakes Region and make appropriate recommendations.

It is the Government's view that the political situation in the Great Lakes Region has fundamentally changed and warrants a fresh examination of the sanctions issue. The Chairman of the Regional Sanctions Committee has been informed of the decision of the Government as required.

As regards the denial of entry of businessmen and goods into Burundi, my Ministry has not received any official complaint.

**Mr. Farah:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Assistant Minister says he does not have any official complaint, but he very well knows that there are so many Kenyan truck owners and traders who are transporting fuel to these countries and have been stranded in Uganda particularly. Although some of them have been released since the last few days, can the Assistant Minister liaise with his own Embassy there and make sure that those Kenyan businessmen do not suffer unnecessarily in those countries, since we have border posts there? We know that the Republic of Congo has eased all restrictions for fuel exports into Burundi, including waiving all taxes and we are now likely to lose a lot of potential business to Burundi if we do not act fast.

**The Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation** (Mr. Muchilwa): Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, my Ministry is liaising with our Embassy in Kampala. That is why I said that the Ministry has not received any official complaints.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): Dr. Kituyi, you have two minutes!

### POINTS OF ORDER

#### MINISTERIAL STATEMENT SOUGHT: DETENTION OF CORPSES IN PRIVATE CLINICS

**Dr. Kituyi:** On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. In the light of the growing cases which have been raised in this House about persons who have been treated in private clinics and have been detained because they did not have enough money to pay for it, and in the light of the recent events in Ngunyumu in Mathare Constituency, where two women and a four-year-old baby died in a clinic and because they had not cleared the bills, the owners of the clinic kept the bodies including wrapping up the baby's body in a plastic bag and keeping them in the clinic for seven days until the stench alerted neighbours to come and raise the alarm; I want to ask the Minister for Health to give a Ministerial Statement explaining the Government's position on the detention of sick persons, their relatives or corpses in private health facilities when families have not been able to clear bills at the time they are supposed to be discharged.

#### MINISTERIAL STATEMENT SOGHT: PROBLEMS CAUSED BY WATER HYACINTH

**Prof. Ouma:** On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. As I am speaking now, the people of Rangwe, Rachuonyo, Mbita, Nyatike, Nyakach, Kisumu Town and Kisumu Rural and Nyando Constituencies have no water to drink, although they stay by the lake, because the water hyacinth has dwarfed them. They have no food because they cannot go to the lake to fish. When they try to go, some of them stay in the lake the whole weekend. Those who venture in are bitten by snakes. As I am speaking now, the water system in Homa Bay is blocked by the water hyacinth. Today, some people tried a spontaneous demonstration and the police stopped them.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, we cannot export fish and the animal feeds industry will come to an end because there is no fish. Could we get an urgent Ministerial Statement on what they are going to do to save these people? We do not have to be told about the beetles which were eaten by black legged egrets in one week. What has happened to the money which was brought by the World Bank? Can some emergency measures be taken? I have spoken to the Office of the President, the PC, Nyanza, the office concerned with environment but I have not got any answer and yet, the people are stranded. I have received telephone calls the whole day today that people have no water to drink. Could we get a Ministerial Statement on what they are going to do to save these people while they grow their beetles? What emergency measures are they going to take? Can they not declare the place a disaster zone?

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): Prof. Ouma, how do you grow beatles? Is it directed to the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources or the Ministry of Land Reclamation, Regional and Water Development?

**Prof. Ouma:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I have spoken to all of them and they have taken me back to the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources. I have even spoken to the officials of the Ministry of Research, Technical Training and Technology and they have told me that all they want is the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources to give them the money. They have got a harvester and they only need Kshs20 million out of Kshs100 million to go and harvest this weed, so that the boats can pass. At the moment, no ship can cruise from Kisumu to Homa Bay. There is no boat which can go into or out of the lake. There is no fishing; life is dead and yet, the lake gives us our tea, coffee and everything else in form of fish. There is even no water to drink.

**An hon. Member:** And we have got a Government!

**Prof. Ouma:** And we have got a Government.

**An hon. Member:** Have we?

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): Anybody from the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources? They will respond next week.

Next order!

### COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

*(Order for Committee read being  
11th Allotted Day)*

### MOTION

THAT MR. SPEAKER DO NOW LEAVE THE CHAIR

Vote 16 - Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife

**The Minister for Tourism and Wildlife** (Dr. Momanyi): Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that Mr. Speaker, do now leave the Chair. This will enable me initiate debate on Vote 16 - Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, as hon. Members are aware, my Ministry is charged with the responsibility of promoting, marketing and development of tourism, fisheries and the management and conservation of the nation's most important heritage: Wildlife.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, over the years, tourism has continued to play an important role in the economic development of this country. Indeed, tourism has become the leading foreign exchange earner which injects colossal sums of money into the national economy. In addition, tourism brings in revenue to the Exchequer through various types of licences, taxes and levies besides providing direct and indirect employment opportunities to wananchi.

It is also worth noting that the tourism industry has a multiplier effect in the economy because it stimulates growth in, among others sectors, agricultural production, processing industries, as well as the transport and financial sectors, by creating demand for the various products and services offered by these sectors.

In view of the increasing competition and in line with the existing policy on tourism development, the Government has established the Kenya Tourist Development Board which will operate as an independent organ that can respond promptly and effectively to the challenges that are posed by the modern tourism industry locally, regionally and internationally.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, tourism development, which now encompasses the fisheries industry, is an extremely challenging responsibility which my Ministry has continued to discharge in the most suitable manner possible. In discharging this responsibility, it is important that the utilization of the available resources and supporting infrastructure are carefully planned. In this regard, efforts are being made to ensure that conflicts between private gains and social costs of tourism development are minimized as we strive to conserve and preserve the natural resources; the environment and the country's beauty. This approach should help the country remain attractive and enhance foreign revenue earnings from tourism. Consequently, my Ministry will continue to pursue policies which support and benefit the vulnerable groups in society by way of promoting sustainable utilization of resources upon which our thriving tourism industry is based on. My Ministry will, therefore, endeavour to support desired projects and programmes giving particular attention to policies outlined in the Sessional Paper No.1 of 1994, the 7th National Development Plan and the social dimensions of development programme.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, as mentioned earlier, development of fisheries is another priority area for the Ministry. The main objective here would be to maximize fish production on a sustainable yield basis; to increase benefits to the fishermen and the per capita consumption of fish. We shall strive to reduce the post-harvest losses, ensure safety of fish and fish products to the consumers as well as maximize exportation of fish and fish products so as to earn more foreign exchange and to increase employment opportunities in this sector. Hon. Members will agree with me that achievement of these noble objectives has been possible and will only continue to be possible in a state of peace, security and political stability. It is undoubtedly on account of the dynamic and wise leadership of our beloved President, His Excellency Daniel arap Moi, this enabling environment for growth has been put in place. I wish, therefore, on my own behalf and that of the entire tourism industry, to pay tribute to the Head of State and wish him good health to continue leading us to greater heights of prosperity.

**Dr. Kituyi:** For what?

**The Minister for Tourism and Wildlife** (Dr. Momanyi): For keeping us peaceful!

In order for my Ministry to undertake the programmes and projects that are aimed at enhancing our foreign exchange earnings in the future, I am requesting this House to approve an expenditures of K£37,833,980 in the Recurrent Expenditures and K£101,921,827 in the Development Expenditure for the Financial Year, 1997/98. These Expenditures will be as follows:

Recurrent Expenditure - K£37,833,980: The Fund allocated under the Recurrent Vote will be spent on personnel and operational costs such as; transport operating expenses, travelling, accommodation, purchase of stores and equipments, advertising and publicity expenses.

The total expenditure would be broken down as follows: General administration and planning, headquarters administration services which will need an expenditure of K£8,078,302. The funds allocated under this Head will be spent mainly on salaries of the Headquarters staff, running and maintenance of vehicles, travelling and accommodation expenses, purchase and maintenance of equipments, the official calendar and payment of outstanding telephone bills. A substantial amount will also be spent on subvention to Bomas of Kenya and contribution to wildlife clubs. To be paid under this Head, is the compensation in respect of death and injuries caused by wildlife to human beings. The Sub-Vote for tourism services, will need K£15,666,471.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, tourism has continued to be an important economic activity for this country. The growth of this industry and the increase of foreign exchange earnings have been made possible by promotional campaigns undertaken by my Ministry in the tourist generating markets overseas. This sector earned our country K£1,280,000 foreign exchange in 1996. This marked an increase of 2.4 per cent over the receipts generated the previous year which stood at K£1.25 million. The positive picture that I have painted of a prosperous tourism industry should not be cause for complacency on our part. As it were, the industry is highly sensitive to adverse publicity. We should, therefore, work even harder to strengthen the industry both for sustainable development and for increased economic returns. At the same time, my Ministry must also be prepared to respond urgently, appropriately and effectively to the rapidly growing competition in the tourist generating markets.

Many developed and developing countries are spending huge amounts of money selling their tourist attractions to lure as many visitors as possible. In this regard, every endeavour should be made to ensure that we continue to get our fair share of the cake in this otherwise, very sensitive and competitive industry. Efforts must be made to ensure that the industry continues to offer the best in terms of standards in hotels, lodges, National Parks and quality in related services of infrastructure, such as roads and other communication facilities.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, we shall strive not only to secure additional tourism markets overseas, but also make further prior inroads into other potential markets in order to increase the number of tourists arriving in this country. In this regard, my Ministry does maintain nine tourist offices situated in the main tourist generating regions including New York, Los Angeles, London, Frankfurt, Stockholm, Paris, Zurich, Pretoria and Rome in Italy. In addition to these offices, Kenya embassies and high commissions abroad collaborate with my Ministry in marketing our tourist attractions in their areas of accreditation. I would like to take this opportunity to register our appreciation for the support extended by the ambassadors and high commissioners overseas and hasten to state that it is, in deed, the intention of my Ministry to open new offices in lucrative tourist markets such as the Middle East, Canada and Japan when funds become available.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, in order to succeed in the promotion and marketing of the country as planned, the department of tourism needs to produce appropriate material in the form of destination brochures, leaflets, posters and magazines for distribution to potential visitors. So far, individual private company brochures have greatly enhanced our promotion of campaigns. On the other hand, the Hotel and Restaurants Authority established by an Act of Parliament in 1972 has continued to play a key role in regulating the hotel and restaurants industry through the provision of licences, inspections and classification of hotels and lodges. This is in recognition of the need to maintain high standards in our hotels and restaurants in order to compete effectively with other destinations. We will, therefore,

continue to pay more attention to the quality of facilities and services offered by the tourism industry in the country.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, similarly, domestic tourism is one segment of the industry which my Ministry continues to pay special attention to for two main reasons. First, apart from the enjoyment that Kenyans will derive from their own country's tourist attractions and facilities, domestic tourism will serve as an important vehicle for the promotion of better inter-ethnic understanding among our people. Secondly, domestic tourism will help to eliminate the seasonality created by international tourism that occasions underutilisation of our hotels, lodges and other related facilities during certain periods in the year. To enhance this awareness, my Ministry in collaboration with the private sector has been organising domestic tourism.

### QUORUM

**Mr. Mak'Onyango:** On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. Much as I hate to disrupt my friend, the Minister for Tourism and Wildlife, he is talking about a very important Ministry and, I think, it would help if there were enough Members in the House to listen. There is no quorum.

**Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): We do not have a quorum. Ring the Division Bell.

*(The Division Bell was rung)*

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): Order! We have a quorum now. You may proceed, Dr. Momanyi.

**The Minister for Tourism and Wildlife** (Dr. Momanyi): Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am happy to inform hon. Members that, as a result of this collaboration, significant progress has been made in the promotion of a travel culture among our people with action being taken on the pricing policy to design specially discounted rates affordable to our people. My Ministry also maintains two tourist offices in Coast province. One is in Mombasa and the other is in Malindi. It is the responsibility of these offices to sustain the holiday and travel cultures with them promoting, co-ordinating, licensing and investigating complaints arising within the tourism industry in the region. It is my Ministry's intention to open more tourism offices in other areas of the country in line with the District Focus for Rural Development Strategy, subject to availability of funds.

On Sub-Vote 16 - Government Grant to Kenya Wildlife Service, "Mr. Minister---"

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Wetangula): You are the Minister; you cannot address yourself!

*(Laughter)*

**The Minister for Tourism and Wildlife** (Dr. Momanyi): Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am requesting for K£800,000 to supplement the resources of the Kenya Wildlife Services in the payment of personnel costs. Fisheries Development will need K£13,289,207. This amount will be spent to meet the recurrent costs of the Department of Fisheries, which as all hon. Members are aware, especially, hon. Mak'Onyango, is spread throughout the Republic. These expenses will include personnel operating costs, transport operating expenses, travelling and accommodation expenses and purchase of stores and equipment. Development Expenditure will require K£101,929,827. During the 1997/98 financial year, a total of 38 projects will be financed, out of which 29 will be Government of Kenya financed projects and nine externally financed projects. Fisheries Department alone accounts for 65 per cent of the Government funded projects, followed by the Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS), while general administration, planning as well as tourism services department follow closely. The total estimated expenditures for Government projects will be K£5,949,457, while the estimates for external projects will be K£95,980,370. The funds allocated under the Development Vote amounting to K£101,927,837 will be distributed as follows: K£12,760 to Headquarters. The funds under this Sub-Vote will be utilised for minor alterations and maintenance works at the Ministry's headquarters, purchase of computers and modernisation of the Ministry's show stands. Plans are under way to construct a permanent exhibition stand at Mombasa Provincial Show Ground at a cost of K£70,000, to replace the existing one which is very expensive to maintain.

*[The Temporary Deputy Speaker  
(Mr. Wetangula) left the Chair]*

*(The Temporary Deputy Speaker  
(Mr. Ndotto) took the Chair]*

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, also, a total of K£500,000 will be spent on the improvement of key tourist circuit roads; while K£110,000 will be for technical assistance to the Kenya Utalii College, towards its training programmes. This year, the Ministry has made available a total of K£2 million as a loan to the Catering Levy Trustee to finance the expansion and rehabilitation of training facilities at the Kenya Utalii College.

Sub-Vote 161 - Tourism Services:- The funds under this Sub-Vote will finance tourism development and promotion activities which include printing of promotional materials, travel literature as well as organising tourism exhibitions and fairs locally and abroad. This financial year, we expect to participate in many tourism related activities in Europe and America. I will now come to Sub-Vote 163 - Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS):- Here, we are spending K£76,024,000. As hon. Members will notice, the bulk of the development expenditure goes to the KWS, which accounts for 75.6 per cent of the entire Ministry's development budget. The importance of wildlife, both as a national heritage and as a resource on which the all important tourism industry largely depends, cannot be over-emphasised. The resource, should, therefore, be properly conserved and managed in the most efficient manner possible.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, the main activity in the service include conservation of wildlife, protection of wildlife against poachers, construction of game proof fences for the protection of human life and property against wildlife damage; wildlife education aimed at enabling the communities to appreciate the importance and value of wildlife; creation and maintenance of sanctuaries for endangered species. Other activities include development of the necessary infrastructure for national parks and reserves such as roads, camping sites and water supply, besides managing the Wildlife and Fisheries Training Institute at Naivasha. Eight projects will be funded during the 1997/98 financial year as follows:-

(a) Kenya Wildlife Support Project to be funded by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) at the cost of K£1,250,000.

(b) Maasai Mara Conservation Project to be funded by European Economic Commission (EEC)/EDF at a cost of K£5,000. The project aims at protecting---

**Dr. Lwali-Oyondi:** On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. Is the Minister in order to use a defunct name for the European Union? He is still talking of the EEC when we have the EU. Is he in order?

**The Minister for Tourism and Wildlife (Dr. Momanyi):** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, it is a matter of terminology. The project aims at protecting the local communities from adverse effects of wildlife by way of fencing and carrying out research.

(c) Under the Wetlands Programme we shall spend K£4,785,000

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Ndotto):** Hon. Dr. Momanyi, you have only five minutes left now.

**The Minister for Tourism and Wildlife (Dr. Momanyi):** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, as you are aware, most of my time was taken by lack of quorum.

In conclusion, I wish to assure hon. Members that I will do my best to ensure that the funds I am requesting for will be managed properly so that the upward trend in foreign exchange earnings that has been witnessed in the past is not only maintained, but also approved. I wish to assure hon. Members that our efforts to build the tourism industry of international repute have not gone unnoticed elsewhere in the world. In 1994, International Tours and Travellers Agents voted Kenya the best destination in Africa. This position was reasserted in 1995 when Kenya scooped the top World Traveller Award as the best destination in Africa beating South Africa and Egypt, in the second and third positions respectively.

With these few remarks, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to move.

**The Minister for Labour and Manpower Development (Mr. Masinde):** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity to second this Motion.

It is definitely obvious to us, as Kenyans, that tourism is a very important sector in this country. Therefore, this Ministry is a very important Ministry and we should give it money---

### QUORUM

**Dr. Kituyi:** On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. I appreciate it very much that the Deputy Leader of Government Business is on the Floor and when he is on the Floor, it is the duty of the Government to whip out Government hon. Members on a Committee of Supply Allotted Day so that there is quorum in the House. There is no quorum.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Ndotto):** I am afraid, there is no quorum. Ring the Division Bell.

*(The Division Bell was rung)*

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Ndotto): Order! We have a quorum now.

You may proceed, Mr. Masinde.

**The Minister for Labour and Manpower Development** (Mr. Masinde): Thank you, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir.

As I was saying, this is a very important Ministry and it should be given the money it is asking for and, perhaps, a bit more, if it can be afforded, and we hope that it will make a bit more money for itself.

In order to have tourism booming in this country, and in any other country in the world, we need peace and enough security. It is up to us, as Kenyans, to make sure that our country is peaceful so as to attract tourists to come and see our God-given beauty in this country. Since it is our duty, we are doing ourselves a lot of harm by scaring away tourists by causing unnecessary alarm that might give the impression that Kenya is not a peaceful country. In this respect, I appeal to my hon. friends on the opposite side of this Table and the Government side, that we collectively, should make sure that we maintain peace in this country. We cannot do so by calling wild cat strikes which cannot even correct the political situation, but do more harm economically which in turn affects everybody and more so the ordinary mwananchi.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, yesterday, we talked about the Vote of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation. It is important that where the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife does not have offices, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation should help in campaigning for Kenya to publicise its tourist attractions in the country without having to sit back. We feel that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation does not just have enough as such. As we said recently, it is the "window" for this country whereby tourists in foreign countries should learn through that office about Kenya. Kenyans should know where our representatives' offices are and what they are doing for us. I listened to the Minister asking for money to maintain some of the houses for the tour officers and offices in the foreign lands.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I think the productivity of these officers should be measured. It should be measured through the number of tourists who visit in this country, from the countries where these tourism officers are stationed. There are quite a number of tourism officers stationed in foreign countries and it is very easy for the Minister and his staff in the Ministry to gauge which tourism officer is working harder in promoting tourism and who is not. This should be done and it should be the duty of both the officers in foreign countries and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation to help in this respect.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, we are having fairly hard times now because the Kenyan Shilling is depreciating very badly. On the other hand, the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife could make it better by promoting tourism, so that the tourists can come here, spend less dollars and enjoy more. By so doing, the country will at least be able to earn some foreign exchange.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Kenya Wildlife Service for at least lowering park fees for the local people. This will encourage Kenyans to travel and see the animals in various parks within the country. This should also help in inducing those people in Kenya who may not have had a chance to see what animals exist in this country. However, the Minister also asked for some money to compensate those who may have been injured or whose crops have been destroyed by wild animals.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, hon. Members may have read in today's newspapers that some two days ago, an accident occurred and a matatu plunged into a river and while people were rescuing those who were involved in the accident, crocodiles came up and interrupted people from saving those lives. This happened in my constituency. Within the past six months, about six people have been eaten up by crocodiles from Sio River. I have taken the effort to write to the Director of KWS and they have positioned some people in Busia. In fact they are about two kilometres from where the accident occurred two days ago. They have been there for the past six months but they have not taken any effort to go and hunt these crocodiles which are a menace to wananchi. It is better for them to kill these animals and save peoples' lives than asking for money to pay compensation for those who have died.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to appeal to the hoteliers also to reduce the rates for those residing in those hotels, to enable the residents to travel around and be able to get cheap accommodation. I realise that because of privatisation, the Kenya Tourism Development Corporation is selling most of the hotels which they have been having in the countryside. Those hotels may have been constructed there to encourage tourism rather than to generate profit immediately. As these hotels are being sold, I think the Ministry should look for alternatives to make sure that the tourists are encouraged to visit those areas. There is no guarantee that those people who are buying those hotels are going to keep them as hotels. They may turn them into offices and that would interfere with the tourism industry in those areas that they were trying to develop. Therefore, those concerned, like the KTDC and the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, should make alternative arrangements, even if it means giving 100 per cent loan to individuals who are interested. They should also make sure that those who are buying those properties keep them as hotels and do not turn them into other uses.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, it is also important that diversification is done in the tourism industry. We are talking too much about wildlife and beaches. There is much more that we can do to diversify and attract tourists. Many tourists from Western countries, depending on where they come from, lack many things. There are some who have never seen deserts, or those from the Netherlands who have never seen mountains. There are also others who have never seen forests and all those things are in plenty in this country. They should be developed so that when the tourists come, they do not have to go to the natural roots that are already there. Kenyans should be innovative enough to be able to attract the tourists in many other ways. They could as well put up a game centre where tourists come to one village and be able to enjoy everything that they would have enjoyed in various parts of the country.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I heard the Minister speak about the development of Western Kenya. Recently, when we were discussing the Vote of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, there was something about Lake Victoria Environment Management. I am seeing the same head also under the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife. I would like to know what they want to do with this money. There is a lot to be done and when they get this money, we want to see the Lake Victoria region properly developed and, its fisheries and all the environment around. We have mountains around the Lake Victoria region, birds and forests. We want these areas to be properly developed, including the infrastructure.

With those few remarks, I beg to second.

*(Question proposed)*

**Mr. Mwavumo:** Ahsante sana, Bw. Naibu Spika wa Muda, kwa kunipatia nafasi, ili nichangie Mswada huu. Nimemsikiza kwa makini sana, Bw. Waziri---

#### QUORUM

**Mr. Nyagah:** Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am afraid that there is no quorum in the House.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Ndotto): I think you are right. Members are supposed to be here when the House is conducting its business. I think there is no quorum. Ring the Division Bell.

*(The Division Bell was rung)*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Mr. Ndotto): Order, hon. Members! I am afraid that we cannot make a quorum in the House. The House, therefore, stands adjourned until next Tuesday, 12th August, 1997, at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 4.30 p.m.