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5. Encik Mohd Izzuddin bin Mortadza
6. Cik Nurhaffizah binti Abdullah

(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada jam 9:20 pagi)

[Timbalan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

DOA

PEMASYHURAN OLEH TIMBALAN SPEAKER

Timbalan Speaker: Selamat pagi dan salam sejahtera. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, I have received a Ministerial Motion under Standing Order 23(1)(a) dated 17th July 2018 from the Honourable Minister for Tourism, Arts, Culture, Youth and Sports and Honourable Member for N15, Asajaya. Before I call upon the Honourable Minister to read his Motion, let me lay down the ground rules. I shall give the proposer 15 minutes and the seconder seven (7) minutes. I now ask the DAP members to nominate two (2) of their Honourable Members to debate. Likewise, the first will have 15 minutes and the second, seven (7) minutes. Thereafter, I shall call the Honourable Minister to wind up for ten minutes. He who speaks first, speaks last, except according to the precedent here. Now, I'm asking the Minister to read his Motion. No, you all are here, because your other Members have asked for leave of absence from Tuan Speaker. Honourable Member for Asajaya.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Terima kasih Tuan Speaker. I beg to move the following Motion of which Notice I have already given under Standing Order 23(1)(a).

The Motion reads:

WHEREAS, on the 13th July 2018, the Court of Appeal in a majority decision, dismissed the appeal of Sarawak Legislative Assembly against the High Court's decision to reinstate Dr. Ting Tiong Choon as the N74 Pujut assembly man.

THEREFORE, it is moved that this house hereby resolves that:

1. This Dewan shall apply for leave from the Federal Court to appeal against the said decision of the Court of Appeal delivered on the 13th day of July 2018, in the case of Civil Appeal number Q-01(A)-250-07/2017 between Dewan Undangan Negeri of Sarawak and Ting Tiong Choon; and
2. That the State Attorney General, Sarawak and/or any Legal Officer from his Chambers are authorized to represent this Dewan in respect for the application for leave to appeal and any appeal arising therefrom and to do and carry out all necessary acts and deeds incidental thereof.

Tuan Speaker, on the 13th of July 2018, the Court of Appeal in a majority decision, has dismissed the appeal of the Sarawak Legislative Assembly against the High Court's decision to reinstate the Member for Pujut as a Member of this House. Let me say at the outset that this Motion is not intended to be a personal vendetta against the Yang Berhormat Member for Pujut. Nor is this a political persecution against the said Yang Berhormat. This, Tuan Speaker, is about the powers and the obligation of Members of this august House to protect the sanctity of this House.

Tuan Speaker, Members of this august House are well aware of the decision by the Court of Appeal in this case as reported in the media. One of the issue before the Court of Appeal was whether the Member for Pujut, having acquired Australian citizenship, had been disqualified from being elected as a Member of this august House. Further, whether his act of renouncing subsequently such citizenship had the effect of remedying the disqualification.

For the information of all Members of this august House, two (2) of the judges expressly held that the act of acquiring a foreign citizenship has the effect of disqualifying that person to be elected as a member of this House. More importantly, the two (2) judges disagreed with the decision of the High Court Judge and held that such disqualification is a continuing one, and not capable of being remedied.

Tuan Speaker, the consequence of this pronouncements is that the Court of Appeal was of the view that the renunciation of his Australian citizenship has no effect whatsoever on his disqualification to be elected as a Member of the House. The only thing is that, the judges differed in their opinion as to whether the House is empowered to do anything about it. By a majority, the Court ruled that this House did not have the power to act as it did.

Tuan Speaker, what the decision entails is this: Although the House is aware that a person who is not qualified to be elected as a Member is, through some chain of events, actually sitting in the House, there is nothing that the House could do about it.

Tuan Speaker, let me remind all Members of this august House that in their oath before taking their seats as Member of this House, each and everyone of us had pledge to solemnly swear that we will preserve, we will protect and defend the Constitution of the State of Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, to not do anything that the law provides in this particular instance, will mean that Members of this august House is accepting that they are powerless to prevent a person who is disqualified, from remaining to sit as a Member of this House. This would be a gross failure to discharge the pledge as mentioned above. It is for this, and only for this reason that I am moving the motion in the hope that all Members including those from the opposition realized that it is their duty as Members of this august House to do all they can under the law to protect the sanctity of this august House.

Tuan Speaker, I beg to move.

Timbalan Speaker: Do we have a Member who is seconding the Motion? Ahli Yang Berhormat for Semop.

Menteri Muda Hal Ehwal Korporat (YB Encik Abdullah Bin Haji Saidol): Bismillahirrahmanirrahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Tuan Speaker. I beg to second the motion. While this august House would respect the decision of the Court of Appeal, the judgment of the High Court and the High Court of Appeal raises issues of grade constitutional important. These issues relate to the privilege of this House to determine its own membership, the qualification for election to this House and the doctrine of separation of powers in a system of parliamentary democracy as practiced in Malaysia. These important constitutional issues should be brought to the highest Court of Federation so that they could be an authoritative judicial pronouncement there on for the guidance of all three arms of the government. In fact, any principle of law resulted from this action, from this High Court action or from this case will be applicable to all Members of the House as guidance for future candidate of an election. Let me explain that this motion is moved not with a view to decide the fate of the Honorable Member for Pujut, but, for the predominant purpose of resolving important constitutional issues that have arisen as a result of legal proceedings initiated by the Honorable Member himself. This motion is also about maintaining the integrity of this august House.

Tuan Speaker, when a person file in to be a candidate, he have to fill a lot, have to disclose, have to fill a lot of forms and have to sign the Statutory Declarations that all information disclose and furnish are true. Failure to do so may resulted such candidate to be disqualified. Therefore, should this august House agreed with the motion to appeal again the

said decision of the Court of Appeal, the State Attorney General and/or any legal officers from this chamber were represent this House in the proceeding before the Federal Court.

Tuan Speaker, I fully support the motion move by the Honourable Member for Asajaya, for this august House to file a motion for leave to the Federal Court against the decision of the Court of Appeal. Hence, I beg to second and before I resume my sit, I would also call all Honourable Members to give their fullest and unqualified support for this motion. Thank you.

Timbalan Speaker: Do we have a speaker from the opposition of DAP? Honorable Member for Bukit Assek.

YB Puan Irene Mary Chang Oi Ling: Thank you, Tuan Speaker. I have to say Tuan Speaker we have to acknowledge the fact that the government has the right to appeal. It is your privilege but before you do so, I would like everybody to consider a few things here. I would like this House consider few things here. It is appeal, this intended appeal justified or not? Now first of all, let me say this. Before we consider to appeal or not, what is our duty here? Would the public interest be served or not? You talk about the sanctity of the House, what about the fact that are we doing the right thing by the public? Is the public interested in this or not in the first place? How is the fact that if you want to drag Pujut from his chair, a chair, a mandate which is given to him by the people, how can the people best be served in this? How can the best interest be served in this? When we all came on board when we were all first sworn in on the first day, we toOkay about a vow, we toOkay a vow to serve the people. Now if this drag on I am bearing in mind that we already in the second year going on into the third year, if this drag on we are going to waste the tax payers' money, time as well, consuming time, the court, the lawyers, the judges coming in from the Federal Court. Is this all justified? Is this what the people want? We always have to bear in mind what the people want. How can the peoples' interest be served from all this?

Now I remember in 2010 by election, if you win the case, if DUN win the case in this appeal, if leave is granted and the appeal is in your favour, what going to happen by election? I remember in 2010 by election I am sure everyone of you remember as well. The whole countries missionary was down here. Talk about wasting peoples' money. In the event that this appeal get through and the person who is finally elected again, you have only two (2) more years before the State election. Are we going to do all that and waste peoples' money just for all this? Now, I haven't finish. I haven't finish, I know it's a rule of law. We are talking about the public policy here as well, you have to consider the public policy here, the public interest here, all right? All right...*(interruption)*

Timbalan Speaker: Order, order please, silence. Let the speaker proceed.

YB Puan Irene Mary Chang Oi Ling: We know about the rule of law. Now let me talk about the rule of law if you want to know about the rule of law. Alright, it is clear that even judges, they are also divided in the interpretation of the law. If you think that the rule of law is wrong here and we think the rule of law here said that appeal should not proceed, then what should you do? The power is in your hand, in this DUN to change the rule of law, to change the legislation to make it clear. That should be the way and not to go on to this apex court cases one after another and distracting the Honourable Member for Pujut from doing his work as he should be doing because this is what the people want from him. And wasting people's time here, in this House as well. Yes, I don't want to, we don't want to go into why, of course we don't want to go into why you are doing this whether this is for personal data or not that we will leave it to the people to judge but we can see, you can see the power is in your hands but this is not the way to do it. The way to do it if you want a clear law, change the law to make it clear, this is the Sarawak law, change it. You have the authority, you have the power, why go through this and spent peoples' money, tax payers money, wasting peoples' money instead of doing what is right and what should be done.

Tuan Speaker, Pujut loyalty cannot be questioned at all. He has been doing his work, he was just because, that is subjective, Tuan Speaker...*(interruption)*

Timbalan Speaker: Honourable Members, can we have some order...*(interruption)*

YB Puan Irene Mary Chang Oi Ling: Tuan Speaker, if I may say so.

Timbalan Speaker: Order, order please.

YB Puan Irene Mary Chang Oi Ling: No, please, Honourable Assistant Minister, Honourable Assistant Minister, please sit down, Nangka, please sit down, Okay. Yes...*(inaudible)*

Timbalan Speaker: Okay can we have one person speaking at the time, please?

YB Puan Irene Mary Chang Oi Ling: Yes.

Timbalan Speaker: Proceed ya.

YB Puan Irene Mary Chang Oi Ling: Right, whether his loyalty is a question or not, leave it to the people, right, and I can tell you from what we can see here, he has been doing his job, he has been raising questions, issues in Miri. He has been doing his job, Tuan Speaker. You should know, harsard can tell you and harsard is irrefutable, right. He has been doing his job, he has not been keeping to himself, he is not just been sitting mum there on his seat, he raise issues in the interest of the people. Now let it pass, let us move forward, let us move forward from this Tuan Speaker. Now I know Members of the other side of the House, you have your party with, you have been asked to vote according to what the party decide but I am appealing to your concern here, is this justifiable or not? You talk about not being the prosecution, personal prosecution but it lose a personal prosecution of Pujut and its baffles us. Why are you doing this? Why is the House doing this? So please, let us vote according to our conscience, what is our purpose here in this House and the purpose in this House is to serve the people. Serve the people. Don't waste tax payer's money at all. If you think, I have already share with you. If you think that you want to make the law clear, you go and amend the legislation to make the law clear, right.

Don't waste time on a piece of legislation where the subject to two interpretations here, there was no right or wrong here the subject is on two interpretations.

So, Tuan Speaker...*(laughter)*...*(Inaudible)* Tuan Speaker, I appeal to Members of both side of the House, let us vote according to our consciene. Let us not waste more of tax payers money and I ask and I ask and...*(Interruption)*...*(Inaudible)*

I'm sorry what's that?...*(Interruption)*...*(Inaudible)*. Sorry what is that?...*(Interruption)*

Ya, so I'm asking you to put your tax payers money to good use. Don't waste it on frivolous thing like this. When two (2) judges from the two (2) level of the courts, High Court and Appellate Court has already given a majority decision, it can be said, it can rightly be, safely be said the majority of the opinions that Pujut is and has not been disqualified. So let's go according to the majority of decision as a Democratic country should be going.

Thank You, Tuan Speaker.

Timbalan Speaker: Member for Padungan Seconding?

YB Encik Wong King Wei: Thank you, Tuan Speaker. First of all, I would like to declare my interest. Yes, I'm acting as a Council for Pujut in High Court and Court of Appeal level and my firm is an advocates for Honourable Member for Pujut.

Timbalan Speaker: Member of Padungan, are you not in the position of conflict?

YB Encik Wong King Wei: I haven't finished...*(Interruption)*

Timbalan Speaker: Since you are a council in this case...*(Interruption)*.

(The rest of Yang Berhormat Encik Wong King Wei, Member for Padungan's speech was expunged from the record in accordance to the ruling by the Speaker)

Timbalan Speaker: The Honourable Member for Padungan. I am sorry. I should have read Rule 82, Standing Order 82 where it says "no member shall appear before the Dewan or any Committee in any capacity for which he is to receive a fee or a reward or as an advocate for any party." Ya? Right?

YB Encik Wong King Wei: Ya...*(Interruption)*

Timbalan Speaker: Alright?...*(Interruption)*

YB Encik Wong King Wei: Ya...*(Interruption)*

Timbalan Speaker: So, you are not allowed to speak on this subject....*(Interruption)*

YB Encik Wong King Wei: No, you repeat your own, you repeat your own reading, Tuan Speaker...*(Interruption)*

Timbalan Speaker: Sorry?

YB Encik Wong King Wei: You read again. I totally...*(Interruption)*

Timbalan Speaker: "No member shall appear before the Dewan or any Committee in any capacity for which he is to receive a fee or a reward or as an advocate for any party." You're are an advocate of a party...*(Interruption)*

YB Encik Wong King Wei: Alright, then? What is next on the, you can't finish half way. You have to finish the whole Standing Order. 32?

Timbalan Speaker: Okay, Padungan...*(Interruption)*

YB Encik Wong King Wei: No member...*(Interruption)*

Timbalan Speaker: Now your time is up, that's why. 10 minutes, Okay? Your time is up already, the Member for Padungan...*(Inaudible)*.

No, I have already read that Order 82, ya? Sorry, 82, correct. Okay, I think finish. So, we go to the winding up. Ya. Now, we go to the winding up...*(Inaudible)*

My ruling is here...*(Interruption)* *(Inaudible)*. Yes...*(Interruption)* *(Inaudible)*. No, you are not allowed to speak under Order 82 because you are an advocate for a party. Okay...*(Interruption)*...*(Inaudible)*. Okay... *(Interruption)* *(Inaudible)*. Yes and then, because you're not be on record under 82. I will allow for 1 more speaker. Okay, you're not on record, Padungan. Now, Pelawan, you will be the second speaker.

YB Encik David Wong Kee Woan: Thank you, Tuan Speaker. I think we are here today...*(Interruption) (Inaudible)* What point of order? Here's the rule...*(Interruption)*

Timbalan Speaker: You're Okay?

YB Encik David Wong Kee Woan: Tuan Speaker...*(Interruption)...**(Inaudible)*

Menteri Muda Hal Ehwal Korporat (YB Encik Abdullah Bin Haji Saidol): I have nothing to do with you. I have nothing to do with you...*(Interruption)...**(Inaudible)*

YB Encik David Wong Kee Woan: Why are they so afraid? Why are they so afraid?...*(Interruption)...**(Inaudible)*

Timbalan Speaker: Point of order. Point of order...*(Interruption)...**(Inaudible)*

Menteri Muda Hal Ehwal Korporat (YB Encik Abdullah Bin Haji Saidol): Tuan Speaker, it has nothing...*(Interruption)...**(Inaudible)*

YB Encik David Wong Kee Woan: Why are you so afraid? You have the numbers. You know you're going to boo us...*(Interruption)...**(Inaudible)*

Menteri Muda Hal Ehwal Korporat (YB Encik Abdullah Bin Haji Saidol): But I am raising a point of order...*(Interruption)*

Timbalan Speaker: Okay, can we please listen to the point of order? *Semua*, raising a point of order.

Menteri Muda Hal Ehwal Korporat (YB Encik Abdullah Bin Haji Saidol): I would like to seek Tuan Speaker's decision on this. Tuan Speaker, you raised the point of order, talking about the disqualification and didn't make any decision. You're just merely reading a Standing Order. Did you make, did you make a decision whether the Seconder disqualified from continuing or not? So, I am asking you...*(interruption)...* I am not asking you. I am asking the Tuan Speaker...*(Interruption)*

Timbalan Speaker: Ya...*(Interruption)*

Menteri Muda Hal Ehwal Korporat (YB Encik Abdullah Bin Haji Saidol): So, when you read the Standing Order, when you read it, did you make a decision that the Seconder's argument was accepted? Or you want to, so I am just asking him...*(Interruption)...**(Inaudible)*

Timbalan Speaker: Let me make a ruling, ya. Let me make a ruling... *(Interruption)...*
(Inaudible) Let me make a ruling. Order, order...*(Interruption)*

Menteri Muda Hal Ehwal Korporat (YB Encik Abdullah Bin Haji Saidol): Ney boleh dapat...*(Interruption)*

Timbalan Speaker: Now, let me make a ruling. Because under Order 82, the Honourable Member for Padungan is not qualified to speak for this subject. That's why I said, your, what you said are out of the record and now I am giving an opportunity for the second speaker from the DAP to speak and I see that Pelawan is standing up to second the Motion. No Padungan, your time is over. Now, I made my ruling...*(Interruption)...**(Inaudible)*

No, you are not qualified to speak...*(Interruption)*...*(Inaudible)* No, I have said under Order 82, you are not qualified to speak. Okay? You are an advocate for the party...*(Interruption)*...*(Inaudible)*

Timbalan Speaker: Honourable Member for Pelawan, can you speak?... *(Interruption)*... *(Inaudible)* No, no, no. Padungan. I made my ruling, Okay? Honourable Member for Palawan. My ruling... *(Interruption)*...*(Inaudible)* Okay. No. Can we have some order in the House please? Can we have some order in this...*(Interruption)*.. House, please?... *(Inaudible)*

YB Encik David Wong Kee Woan: You go down... *(Interruption)*...*(Inaudible)*

Timbalan Speaker: No.

YB Encik David Wong Kee Woan: Honourable Member for Padungan. Go downstairs and do it ... *(Interruption)*...*(Inaudible)*

Timbalan Speaker: Yes, yes. Honourable Member for Padungan... *(Interruption)*... *(Inaudible)*

YB Encik David Wong Kee Woan: Go downstairs and do it *lah*...*(Interruption)*...*(Inaudible)*

Timbalan Speaker: Okay, Honourable Member for Padungan. Honourable Member for Pelawan, can you speak Honourable Member for Pelawan?

YB Encik David Wong Kee Woan: Okay, thank you Tuan Speaker. We are here to make a very important decision. A decision as to whether the voters have a right to choose their own representative or whether this court should rule who should be the representative for the people, this august House, yes. This is we call it a court of the GPS now.

Now, Tuan Speaker, we are all elected to serve the rakyat and then to protect the constitution of Sarawak in Malaysia. We all understand that. We are here to make Sarawak a better place for everyone, regardless of the ethnicity or race or religious background. We are here to make Sarawak strong, great again. We shall spend our time, our energy our resources to discuss how to make Sarawak strong again, make it great again after BN rules for 55 years which our Chief Minister have said "*Has made Sarawak backward for more than 20 years*". Our late CM, Tok Nan also said that, I think we all agree on that. But we are here about what? We are here instead of using the time to deliberate more important issues about Sarawak development. We are actually like kids. We are small kids. Quarrelling over a piece of candy. Yes, that's why we, the ego of the Speakers, not you Tuan Speaker.

Since like it is so big that the whole house cannot contain it. This whole august House cannot contain the ego of Tuan Speaker. That's why we had this Motion today.

Timbalan Speaker: Honourable Member for Pelawan, I draw your attention to Standing Order 32 ya.

YB Encik David Wong Kee Woan: At least give me the chance to speak.

Timbalan Speaker: You should just say that, you should not use any offensive or insulting language ya.

YB Encik David Wong Kee Woan: No, this is ego. I just said ego, is it offensive to say ego? I don't think, you look at ... Okay, Okay.

Timbalan Speaker: No, you are making an allegation, Okay?

YB Encik David Wong Kee Woan: Okay, Okay. Tuan Speaker. Let me proceed. I don't understand why we are here for. I have been here for seven years. We are here to fight for natural justice, for democracy and what we did is totally the opposite of that. We can make a ruling today but we are subject to Sarawakians how the public outside there perceive this House. You can say this is nothing personal? But everybody knows that it is personal. It is personal because Yang Berhormat Dr. Ting Tiong Choon, Honourable Member for Pujut is from Pakatan Harapan from DAP. If he is a member of Barisan Nasional or GPS, would we go through this Motion today Tuan Speaker, would we? Honestly speaking, would we? Touch your conscience, if you have the any conscience left.

Tuan Speaker, political prosecution is not allowed in this House. We are supposed to be over politics, above politics. That's why we come here to deliberate all matters, all important to Sarawakian. Not on personal agenda. Today, we know the end of result will be after what we debated will go through the Board and we know the result already, isn't it? Because of the Parties weak system. You people have to admit it. If you don't even dare to admit that, you are not fit to sit inside the seat here. So, today, if Honourable Member for Pujut is a member for GPS, this whole Motion will not be here today. I will not be speaking here on this Motion already and then to say that his loyalty is in question is laughable. I think he is more hardworking, he served more diligently than many in this House.

And Tuan Speaker, our Chief Minister have said GPS in Sarawak would like to work together with Pakatan Harapan in Federal and this is what we have to show working together with Pakatan Harapan? Is that your way of friend, you say I'm your friend and then *cucuk belakang*? CM said that we want to work, Sarawak GPS Government want to work with Pakatan Harapan Federal isn't it? Did we not say that? And is this the way you do it to make it personal agenda against Pakatan Harapan?

Tuan Speaker, I think everyone knows, we all know, you also know and all the Sarawakian outside there, they know what this Motion is all about. It is to satisfy certain ego of certain people.

Timbalan Speaker: Honourable Member for Pelawan. I think don't use the word ego. That's is an allegation.

YB Encik David Wong Kee Woan: Ego? What is wrong with an ego? Okay, how do you want me to rephrase it? Okay, to satisfy certain, to make certain people happy. Maybe one person only and this House has to suffer. Sarawakians have to suffer and go through all this and wasting peoples money. Put it this way, there were three respondents to the case isn't it? There was the Speaker, Honourable Member for Bawang Assan and the Dewan. If they are still, if the Speaker or Member for Bawang Assan feels that they should go through this don't drag in the Dewan. You do it personally and pay your own cost, all this and don't ask Sarawakian to pay for this. Why they ask Dewan to do it and then tax payer will foot the bill if you lost or even if you win? Do it personally on your personal, individual.

Tuan Speaker or Honourable Member for Bawang Assan, who is sitting there, look at his face now, smiling. I think you make the failed mistake by putting this House into this dispute, for removing the Minister Motion, last year. True or not? That's why you want to do it, do it on your personal, individual, use your own money, your own energy, don't drag DUN into it where the tax payer has to foot the bill. Thank you, Tuan Speaker.

Timbalan Speaker: Ahli, ya. Before I call the Honourable Minister to do his winding up, is there is anybody from the Opposition who wants to do the winding up, before the Minister does his winding up? Okay. Honourable Member for Batu Lintang.

YB Encik See Chee How: Thank you Tuan Speaker. Tuan Speaker, there is one issue that I would like to raise which was also raised by my colleagues here. And the question is of Notice, I don't want to go into the merits of the matter but the Notice for the order, Standing Order 23(1), I believe the, it is stated there under 23(1). 23(1) says of course the notice is not required if it is the Ministerial Motion or dissensions by the Speaker, verify, I just confirmed with Erskine May it is page 394, on the question of the waiver of the requirement of Notice and it appears that we have to go through the procedure, that there must be a session from the Speaker first, and it must be put to the House that the disagreement by the House that the Notice is not required then the Motion can be debated in this august House. So we cannot just because it is a Minister's Motion, because there are other questions sort of involved in the Notice that is given for all the various types of matters, substantive and procedure that are put forward in this Motion. So I believe this Order is not in order, this Motion is not in order for the debate this morning. So that's why I, of course, as my fellow colleague has pointed out that you could have just brought the matter to the Federal Court for leave because even in the earlier stage, leave was not actually asked for, from this House, for the matter to be taken by the DUN, by this august House to the court to appeal, appealing against the decision of it. So, it is not in order for the Motion to be brought in this manner, in this august House this morning. That's the only point that I wish to raise.

Thank you, Tuan Speaker.

Timbalan Speaker: Okay, thank you. But I think Order 23(1) it says that if it is in the Minister's name, it could be brought forward. There is no requirement for Notice. Okay, can I have the winding up from the Honourable Minister?

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): *Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker, kerana memberi saya peluang untuk membuat penggulungan.* Well, under the State Constitution, the person to be elected or chosen by the people must be a qualified person. That is what is stated inside the State Constitution. The opposition had been calling this issue as the candy for kids and privilege. It is obvious that they do not seem to understand the magnitude of this case or all of this issue. The case is of great Constitutional importance. The issues relate to privilege of the House.

Tuan Speaker, the Apex Court of the land is the Federal Court. We have not reach that court as of yet and it is every right of this august House to appeal until we have reach all the decision of the Apex Court has been obtained. Well, we are not questioning the issue that Ahli Yang Berhormat for Pujut has been elected, the people has voted for him. Yes, we do agree but the people has not been informed of what has transpired, what are the qualification for somebody to be elected. We do not want to have a stranger in the House. Somebody who is not qualified to sit in the House... *(Applause)*... No, it is my turn. You sit down. I'm not giving you way. Okay...*(Interruption)* ...*(Inaudible)*...Come on. Sit down.

Timbalan Speaker: Honourable Member for Padungan..

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): I just saw you slamming the Constitution and the Standing Order. You have not respected the House! You just sit down! You sit down...*(Interruption)* ...*(Inaudible)*...

Timbalan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat for Padungan. Can you sit down, let the Minister finish.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Okay. I just saw you slamming down the Constitution and the

Standing Order. You have got no respect for the House! You don't even deserved to sit down here...*(Interruption)* ...*(Inaudible)*...Okay. Ya. Okay. Sit down, sit down.

Timbalan Speaker: Honourable Member for Padungan.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): This is my floor now! I'm not giving way. It's my winding up. Okay?

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): I have earlier mentioned that it is not a personal action against Ahli Yang Berhormat for Pujut. This is also not a political persecution. This action is to protect the dignity and integrity of this august House...*(Applause)*...Everybody knows. The court also knows, that along the way, the Ahli for Pujut has applied for citizenship of another nation. When he applied for that citizenship, he should be in the know, that it is an offence under the Malaysian law. No. I'm not going into a debate with you. Malaysia don't practice dual citizenship.

Timbalan Speaker: Okay.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Sit down! Sit down! I'm not going into a debate with you, okay.

Timbalan Speaker: Padungan. Honourable Member for Padungan.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): You bring it up in court. Padungan. Padungan you are not the only lawyer here Okay. Okay. I'm not giving way.

Timbalan Speaker: Okay. Proceed. Proceed Minister. What? What? No, Padungan what is misleading? What is misleading?...*(interruption)*...*(inaudible)*.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Tuan speaker... Tuan speaker.

Timbalan Ketua Menteri, Menteri Permodenan Pertanian, Tanah Adat dan Pembangunan wilayah (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas): Point of order 31. Point of order 31. You sit down. Point of order 31.

Timbalan Speaker: 31?

Timbalan Ketua Menteri, Menteri Pemodenan Pertanian, Tanah Adat dan Pembangunan Wilayah (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas): Yes. You sit down.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Okay. For the information of the members of this august House.

Timbalan Speaker: Padungan. Padungan. Padungan. If you are not going to sit down. Bukit Saban, you are saying 31?

Timbalan Ketua Menteri, Menteri Pemodenan Pertanian, Tanah Adat dan Pembangunan Wilayah (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas): Standing Order 31(1). No member shall speak unless called upon by the Chair...*(interruption)*...*(inaudible)*.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Come on. Padungan. Padungan. Let me clarify. This is not your floor. I am the one winding up now. You sit down. You sit down. Can you get him to stop? If you can't stand it then you go out.

Timbalan Speaker: Padungan. Padungan. Padungan. Can you sit down for a while? No, no, no. If you are not going to follow my direction. Padungan. Padungan. Padungan. Yes, I'm citing you for Order 41. The chair, having called attention of the Dewan, to the conduct of member who persist in irrelevance and use of abusive and provocative language or in a tedious repetition, either of his own argument or arguments used by the members in the debate I can order you to discontinue, Padungan. Otherwise I will cite you under Order 42. Okay.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): I can answer you. I'm not going to withdraw. Let me explain. You sit down first. How you are not going to... (*interruption*) What fair are you talking about?

Timbalan Speaker: Okay. Padungan. Padungan. Can you sit down and let the Minister finish? No he's not. He's not.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Okay. Sit down. Sit down. This is my floor! You cannot tell me to sit down! Okay. This my floor! You are disrupting the House.

Timbalan Speaker: Okay. Padungan. Padungan. Now, you look at the standing order. Padungan, read Order 42. Now I'm reading Order 42, whose conduct is disorderly or conduct does not comply with the Speaker's order. I can get you out, Okay. Okay, Minister can you proceed please. Padungan. Padungan. I'm going to ask you to leave the hall, chambers if you are not going to listen to my order. Okay... (*interruption*) Padungan. Okay, proceed Minister.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Well, I read back what I have mentioned when I moved the Motion this morning. Part of it. For information of members of this august House, two (2) of the judges that decides in the Court of Appeal expressly held that this act of acquiring a foreign citizenship has the effect of disqualifying that person to be elected as a member of the House. (*Applause*) That answers you. That answers you. I don't have to *belit belit* again you know. That answers you. The court itself has already acknowledged that.

Timbalan Speaker: Okay. Padungan. Padungan. Padungan.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Okay. No. No. No. As far as I am concerned... (*interruption*)

Timbalan Speaker: Padungan. I'm going to ask you to leave the chambers if you persist on speaking without me calling you. You can only speak when the chair calls you to speak.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): If you want me to say it outside I would say it! I will expect you and him to sue me! I can say it, that it is an offence. You want me to say it? I would say it outside! Having two (2) Yes. I would expect both of you to sue me. That ... that having two citizenship is an offence in Malaysia. ... (*Inaudible*) ...

Timbalan Speaker: Okay. Minister. Minister. Order. Order. Can we have some order in the House please. Padungan. Padungan. If you persist on this behaviour I have to get you out of the House. Okay. Okay continue to wind up.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): This is a very important constitutional matter. The Ahli Yang Berhormat from Bukit Assek has asked the members of the House to use their conscience to vote. Yes, I am repeating the same way also. To use our conscience. On one hand, you have to understand that the so called elected Ahli Yang Berhormat for Pujut. In some way knows that he is not qualified because he has renounced, when he applied for a second citizenship, which is not provided for and not allowed for, for a Malaysian. That makes him disloyal to Malaysia.

Timbalan Speaker: Minister. Minister, you have just one (1) more minute to wind up.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Okay...*(interruption)* No. I'm not talking to you. You just sit down. Okay. You want to face me, we face in the media room! After that you can sue me. Okay. Sit down.

Timbalan Speaker: Padungan. Padungan. I have given you sufficient warning, Padungan. If you are going to persist one more interruption, I will ask you to leave the sitting. Padungan.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Tuan Speaker, I move the motion to protect the sanctity, the integrity of this august House. *(Applause)* We cannot afford to have someone who is not loyal to the State and Malaysia to sit in this august House. As far as I am concerned he is a stranger here.

Timbalan Speaker: Okay, shall you make your closing remarks, Minister.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Okay. Talking about tax payers' money. All of them were mentioning about tax payers' money. If he is not qualified to sit inside here, we are paying for his salary. That is tax payers' money also. *(Applause)* Why must the tax payers be paying for somebody who is not qualified to even sit in this august House?...*(Applause)*...That is we cannot afford to let down the tax payers because we are paying him every month for every minute of him being an Ahli Yang Berhormat.

Timbalan Speaker: Okay. Okay. Okay Minister your time is almost up.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Okay, I'm concluding now, Tuan speaker. Well, I would call upon all members of this august House, including those from the Opposition. I know Batu Lintang did not put up his stand just now. Probably he is still not sure. I would expect him, I have full of respect for him because he has been giving good opinions and I know there is something fishy down here. There is something not right. The most he would be staging would be to abstain. He would probably abstain but I fully believe he will not support.

Timbalan Speaker: Okay, your time is up Minister.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Okay, so I call upon all those members of this august House to support this Motion. Terima kasih. *(Applause)*

Timbalan Speaker: Thank you. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, I shall now put the Ministerial Motion which have been debated, to vote. I will direct the Secretary to count.

Those who are in favour of the Ministerial Motion in the name of the Honourable Minister for Tourism, Arts, Culture, Youth and Sports for this august House to make an application for leave to appeal to the Federal Court regarding the status of member for Pujut who has been disqualified by this august House on the 12th May 2017, please raise your hands. Who is voting in favour of the Motion?

And those who are not in favour of the Motion, raise your hands.

So we have 68 votes in favour of the Motion and seven 7 votes not in favour of the Motion. I hereby declare that the Ministerial Motion in the name of the Honourable Minister for Tourism, Arts, Culture, Youth and Sports is approved... (*Applause*)... This august House will make an application to the Federal Court for leave to appeal.

**SAMBUNGAN PERBAHASAN ATAS UCAPAN
TUAN YANG TERUTAMA YANG DI-PERTUA NEGERI SARAWAK**

PENGGULUNGAN OLEH PARA MENTERI

Timbalan Speaker: Dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas, Timbalan Ketua Menteri, Menteri Pemodenan Pertanian, Tanah Adat dan Pembangunan Wilayah, untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

Timbalan Ketua Menteri, Menteri Pemodenan Pertanian, Tanah Adat dan Pembangunan Wilayah (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Salam sejahtera, salam bahagia buat semua hadirin yang mulia. Izinkan saya mula bicara untuk kongsi kita bersama.

First and foremost, let me express my sincere and deepest appreciation to Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Dr Taib Mahmud, for his opening address at the opening of the First Session of the Third Sitting of Dewan Undangan Negeri on the 9th July 2018.

Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak's advice is invaluable guidance to all of us as Honourable Members of this august House in the way we conduct ourselves as responsible leaders for all Sarawakians regardless of race, religion and cultural background.

Terima kasih juga kepada Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak di atas keyakinan Tun kepada Gabungan Parti Sarawak (GPS) sebagai:

- (a) sebuah gabungan parti politik yang kuat, mantap dan dapat membawa rakyat bersatu-padu demi kesejahteraan dan kemajuan Wilayah Sarawak;
- (b) menyediakan landasan yang kukuh kepada Kerajaan Sarawak dalam memperjuangkan hak dan kuasa autonomi Sarawak; dan
- (c) sebagai wadah penting perjuangan dalam menuntut hak Sarawak dari Kerajaan Persekutuan selaras dengan Perjanjian Malaysia 1963 (MA63) dalam Perlembagaan Persekutuan.

Tuan Speaker, I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Yang Amat Berhormat Tun Dr Mahathir Mohammad on his appointment as the seventh Prime Minister of Malaysia. I am confident that under YAB Tun Dr Mahathir Mohammad leadership as Prime

Minister, the relationship between the Federal and the Sarawak Government will be further enhanced.

The Prime Minister's recent visit to Kuching further reaffirms the close collaboration that has been established. I would like to quote Tun Dr Mahathir's statement at the press conference in Kuching before his departure to Kuala Lumpur, I quote:

"We have already met several times and we find that there is good cooperation between the Federal and Sarawak Government."

Tuan Speaker, may I also offer congratulation to the Right Honorable Chief Minister for the passing of the Oil Mining (Amendment) Bill, 2018. This will ensure that Sarawak will have full control over its oil and gas resources. I would also wish to record our appreciation to Yang Amat Berhormat Chief Minister on his commitment to resolve the issue on native land matters with the amendment to the Sarawak Land Code.

Transforming the Agriculture Sector

Tuan Speaker, my Ministry is committed to transform agriculture and rural economy into one that is progressive and generating high income. This can be achieved through the adoption of modern, commercial and sustainable agricultural practices including human centric, inclusiveness and balanced development.

In this connection, the four (4) primary objectives of my Ministry are to:

1. Eradicate the remnant of rural poverty;
2. Increase the income level of rural farmers;
3. Attract youth to agriculture sector; and
4. Make Sarawak as the net exporter of food.

I shall now elaborate in detail on each of these four objectives.

Eradication of Rural Poverty

Tuan Speaker, based on the Household Income and Basic Amenities Survey Report 2016, the incidence of poverty in Sarawak has improved from 0.9% in 2014 to 0.6% in 2016. Similarly, the incidence of poverty in the rural areas has decreased from 1.6% in 2014 to 1.1% in 2016. This figure is indeed a very clear evidence that Sarawak Government's anti-poverty programme is a success story. We have reduced poverty rate from 59% in 1970 to what it is today.

Meanwhile, the monthly household income in the rural areas increases at the rate of 4.4% yearly from RM3,387 in 2014 to RM3,695 in 2016.

My Ministry, through relevant agencies will continue and reinforce all our initiatives that are directed towards income generation to eliminate the remnant of rural poverty.

Implementation of 1AZAM

Tuan Speaker, in an effort to reduce the incidence of poverty in the country, the Government has introduced 1AZAM programme. In Sarawak, the Department of Agriculture is one of the agencies who are involved in the implementation of the programme. Among the projects implemented are AZAM-TANI, AZAM-NIAGA and AZAM-KHIDMAT.

AZAM-TANI covers income-generating projects such as cultivation of fruits, vegetables and various short-term food crops, rearing of livestock, and culture of pond

fishes. For AZAM-NIAGA, projects include food processing, bakery and cake making, tailoring as well as making of *pua kumbu*. Under AZAM-KHIDMAT, assistance is given in the form of farm tools and equipment as well as small machines.

For the year 2017, Department of Agriculture Sarawak has assisted 90 households under this 1-AZAM programme with the allocation of RM711,900.00. We are not certain whether the new Federal PH Minister will continue with this programme. Thus my Ministry is considering to bid for State fund to undertake this poverty programme. This programme is target specific and have a high degree of success as means to increase income of the poor. My Ministry is considering how to complement and enhance this programme.

Commodity and Food Crop Programmes

Tuan Speaker, in our effort to raise the income level of farmers and eradicate poverty, my Ministry is committed to continue implementing various commodities and food crops programmes.

Oil Palm

Tuan Speaker, the oil Palm industry in Sarawak is a growing and key sector of the State economy. It is largely private sector-driven and the development of large scale plantations by the private sector has contributed to the rapid growth of oil palm industry in the State. The private sector is now the largest contributor in terms of acreage contributing 74% (1,148,309 hectares) of the total area of 1.56 million hectares as at 31 December 2017. Meanwhile, the Government through the various Land Development agencies such as SALCRA and FELCRA contributed 7.0% (108,956 hectares) while the Joint-Venture Companies under LCDA contributed 5.6% (86,431 hectares). The independent smallholder's' subsector contributes 13% (212,142 hectares).

Smallholders Subsector

Tuan Speaker, apart from the industry players, the smallholders sub-sector comprising both organised and independent smallholders have also contributed substantially to the development of the oil palm industry especially in term of accelerating the development of NCR land. It is interesting to note that independent smallholder's sub-sector has grown tremendously at the rate of 7.8% over the last 11 years (2007 - 2017) from 4,619 smallholders in 2007 to 36,787 smallholders in 2017.

Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) for NCR Smallholders

Tuan Speaker, like any other industry, there are various issues and challenges facing the oil palm industry. One of the critical issues that we need to address is the issue of sustainability. The supply of sustainable palm oil by industry players, including independent smallholders, is very crucial in maintaining its competitive market position in the future, as palm oil contributes significantly to the social and economic development of the State.

The introduction of Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) certification scheme by the Government is to address the issue of sustainability which involves compliance with international standards and environmental requirements.

The main objective of MSPO certification scheme is to promote palm oil production practices that reduces deforestation, preserves biodiversity, respect the livelihoods of rural communities, and ensure no new primary forest or other high value areas are sacrificed for oil palm plantations. One of the principles of MSPO for smallholders is transparency which

involves the issue of traceability. For example, the group management shall keep record of sales and delivery or transportation of fresh fruit bunches (FFB).

The Government has made it mandatory and set the deadline for the industry to be certified. The Government has, thus set 31st December 2019 for smallholders to be certified under MSPO.

The State fully supports this initiative which allows our smallholders to comply with the requirement of the global palm oil markets. However, this initiative requires a lot of effort toward creating awareness and acceptance by our smallholders.

To implement this scheme, the Government has provided incentives in the form of free auditing assistance for independent smallholders who are grouped into Sustainable Palm Oil Clusters (SPOC). Other forms of group management can also be established to maintain a management system which will enable each SPOC and the other groups to undertake a systematic approach in improving their operational practices, such as Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) in order to ensure sustainable production of palm oil.

Toward this end, the Ministry, in collaboration with MPOB and DOPPA, have carried out a number of awareness programs on the importance and compliance with MSPO standard requirements in various locations throughout the State. This is to enable the smallholders to prepare themselves for the certification scheme. As of March 2018, a total of 728 independent smallholders with a total area of 4,071 hectares have been certified under MSPO.

Tuan Speaker, my Ministry and the Department of Agriculture has introduced oil palm smallholders planting schemes under the Socio-Economic Transformation Programme (SETP) in 2017. To date, a total of 1,464 hectares has been approved for planting involving 758 participants. The Department of Agriculture with the collaboration of Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) will be implementing oil palm programme under *Tanaman Baru Sawit Pekebun Kecil (TBSPK)*.

The oil palm industry in Sarawak is becoming very popular among the smallholders as it is able to generate an average monthly income of RM1,000.00 per hectare.

Rubber

Tuan Speaker, for rubber industry development programme, the Department of Agriculture Sarawak has implemented rubber planting programme since the Seventh Malaysian Plan (7MP). To date, 57,312 hectares have been planted with high yielding clones involving 20,768 participants at a total cost of RM544 million. From the total area, 30,149 hectares are tappable. This programme will continue.

In Sarawak, rubber has also long been an important source of foreign exchange earnings and revenues to the State, as well as, generating income to the smallholder farmers. Currently, the industry is largely dominated by smallholders with scattered holdings. As at 2017, the total planted area in Sarawak is 166,452 hectares, but only 86,970 hectares (52%) were being tapped. Most of the rubber holdings were too old and no longer productive. As such, the export value for rubber products in Sarawak declined drastically from RM265.7 million in 2012 to only RM102.86 million in 2017.

In spite of these scenarios, and the recent fluctuation of commodity price in the world market, which has affected the industry, the continued demand for rubber in the world market indicates that the crop will continue to have substantial economic growth potential. Therefore, sustainable production of rubber needs to be considered seriously by the State.

In fact, as industrial cash crop, rubber is one of the most suitable crops to be cultivated by smallholders, which can be a long term and sustainable strategy to reduce rural poverty among the rural farmers. The rubber commodity is projected to be one of the significant agriculture contributors to the State GDP, especially with the production of the Standard Malaysian Rubber (SMR) and Specialty Rubber (SR).

Tuan Speaker, there are good prospects for the Natural Rubber Industry in Sarawak. At the moment, Malaysia is importing 318,419 metric tonne of concentrate latex from Thailand to support rubber-based industry in the country. Thus, this will offer new opportunity for Sarawak to produce latex concentrate in order to reduce import of latex into Malaysia.

The successful achievement of rubber production in Sarawak will be highly based on the new planting and replanting areas. The increase in areas of new planting and replanting is important in order to replace the old, uneconomical and moribund rubber trees. The State has also vast areas of land, including Native Customary Rights (NCR) lands that can be developed for commercial planting of rubber in orderly and integrated manner.

However, to realise these development potentials, the government has to take a bold step in establishing a full-fledged authority, similar to those in Sabah. The Department of Agriculture alone, having to take care of many other crops, will not be able to cope up with the heavy responsibilities. Having a full-fledged authority will ensure a dynamic and sustainable development of rubber industry in Sarawak.

Sago

Tuan Speaker, under the Sago Development Programme, the Government has allocated a sum of RM22 million for new planting and rehabilitation of sago small holdings. Since 2016, a total of 1,441 hectares of new planting and 2,562 hectares for rehabilitation has been implemented, benefiting 2,460 farmers.

Sago was among the key agriculture trading commodities of Sarawak, since the 1880s. The growth and evolution of the Sarawak sago industry was associated solely on the growth and development of the smallholders which are still relying on the traditional approach and this contributed to the inconsistent sago starch productivity in the State.

In order to increase sago productivity in Sarawak, CRAUN has been given a task to supply sago planting materials to Department of Agriculture (DOA) for their Sago Smallholders Satellite Estate Development (SSSED) program. So far, 10,100 sago clonal planting materials were delivered to DOA. This program was initiated by the government to consolidate and rehabilitate the sago smallholdings as well as to maximize economic returns and improve smallholders' income.

The total sago area in Sarawak is 51,518 hectares which contributed to an average export volume of 40,000 – 50,000 metric tonnes per year. The export volume shows a marginal increase over the years. High demand but limited supply has caused in the price of sago flour increased to around RM2000.00 per metric ton. For the year 2017, the export valued was RM86.8 million about 52% of the starch was exported to Peninsular Malaysia and 33% to Japan. Although sago area in Sarawak is much smaller compared to Indonesia, Sarawak is still the world largest exporter for sago flour. In Indonesia, sago flour was produced for local consumption.

Potential and Prospect for Sago Industry in Sarawak

Tuan Speaker, due to its potential for food security, the State government is determined to develop sago industry make sago as one of the major commodity that

contributed to the State GDP. To realize this objective CRAUN has engaged and intensified its upstream and downstream research activities in 11th Malaysia Plan as:

- i. Development and establishment of integrated sago waste treatment system;
- ii. Development of products from sago biomass;
- iii. Product development from starch sago;
- iv. Up scaling study on the production of clonal high yielding and quality sago planting materials;
- v. Development of effective and efficient agronomic and cultural practices for sago;
- vi. Enriching sago gene pool for the development of new clone and varieties;
- vii. Post-harvest handling; and
- viii. Filing, granting and commercialization of IPs generated from the Research.

The State believed that sago could contribute to the states GDP and improve smallholder's income.

Coconut

Tuan Speaker, coconut since 2016, RM20.5 million has been spent for coconut development programme covering an area of 1,765 hectares. A total of 1,409 farmers have benefitted from this programme.

Pepper

Tuan Speaker, on pepper the Department of Agriculture has introduced pepper planting under Socio-Economic Transformation Programme (SETP). Starting from 2017 to date, a total of RM15.6 million had been allocated for 600 hectares involving 6,000 participants.

Tuan Speaker, to-date, Sarawak remains the largest producer of pepper in the country and thus putting Malaysia among the world's top producers and exporters of high quality pepper in 12 major countries. Recognizing the high demand for pepper and pepper based products, pepper remains one of the most attractive and lucrative commodities to many growers of over the years.

Malaysia is the fifth (5th) largest pepper producing country in the world with a total production of 29,245 metric tonnes in 2016.

Food Crops

Tuan Speaker, on food crops, my Ministry through the Department of Agriculture had selected a few food crops such as banana, corn, and vegetables that have high potential in generating incomes for our farmers. The selection of participants in our programmes is focusing on the target group under the hardcore poor and B40.

Edible Bird's Nest (EBN)

Tuan Speaker, the production of Edible Bird's Nest (EBN) offers very good potential to raise income of poverty households. In 2017, a total of 97 E-Kasih participants have been assisted under the Socio-Economic Transformation Programme (SETP) for Edible Bird's Nest production. Each participant is given assistance amounting to RM20,000 for the construction of bird's house. Currently, the Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak (DVS) is monitoring the progress of the programme.

Agro-based Industry

Tuan Speaker, some of the initiatives undertaken by the Department of Agriculture Sarawak to eradicate the remnants of rural poverty are *Insentif Mula Projek, Mempelbagaikan Pendapatan Keluarga and Projek Mesra Tani*. In the year 2017, a total of 239 participants were given assistance and guidance to start off small scale business. I am pleased to inform this august House that we managed to increase the average monthly income to RM4,000.00 per participant. As for this year, the State Government has approved an additional allocation of RM6 million under the Socio-Economic Transformation Programme targeting 552 home-based industries' participants.

Inland Fishery

Tuan Speaker, aquaculture is another sector that has been identified to eradicate remnant of poverty especially among the fisherman. Under the Socio-Economic Transformation Programme (SETP), an allocation of RM2 million in 2018 has been approved for pond and cage projects benefitting 61 participants. In addition to income generating programme, the Government also provide assistance under the Fishermen Housing Repair Programme.

Increase the Income Level of Rural Farmers

Tuan Speaker, one of the primary objectives of my Ministry is to raise the income of rural household in our effort to reduce the income disparity between the rural and urban household. In order to sustain household income in the face of price fluctuation, farmers are encouraged to operate more than one agriculture activities.

Livestock Sector

Tuan Speaker, in 2017, under the livestock sector, the following livestock development programmes have been implemented to increase the income of rural farmers and to assist them in their crop diversification.

1. We have a program of Livestock Commercial Unit (LCU) benefitting 150 participants worth RM1.9 million; and
2. Buffalo Entrepreneur Programme (BEP) benefitting 10 participants value RM500,000 for the provision of farm infrastructure

In 2018, an allocation of RM1.8 million has been approved under Buffalo Entrepreneur Programme (BEP).

Agro-based Industry

Tuan Speaker, under the agro-based industry, 194 participants are now earning an average monthly income of RM11,800.00. Due to the success of this programme, an additional allocation of RM3 million has been allocated in year 2018 to assist new participants.

In addition, another RM9.5 million has been approved to establish two Processing Incubator Centres in Kuching and Miri. These centres will also be certified with Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) and Halal quality assurance to ensure the finished products of entrepreneurs meet the International Marketing Standards (IMS) requirements. These will further boost the market demand for our local products.

Aquaculture

Tuan Speaker, aquaculture is one of the high impact projects that can raise rural income. Cage culture in Batang Ai Lake has proven to be successful in increasing fish production to meet domestic market. The Batang Ai tilapia cage culture project, which started in 1992 with 613 cages has increased to 9,434 cages over the years. The present production is now estimated at 700 metric tonne. Some of the project participants are now able to earn an income of more than RM4,000.00 per month. These farms are also certified under myGAP which ensure the quality of the fish produced.

Oil Palm Smallholders

Tuan Speaker, oil palm is another commodity which increase the income of rural farmers. In view of the tremendous growth achieved in the development of the smallholder subsector, smallholders are encourage to organise themselves through cooperative. This is to ensure that smallholders will be able to transport, market and enjoy competitive prices for their FFBs.

Co-operatives may provide services to members by providing logistic supports and buying FFBs directly from the smallholders on cash basis and selling the FFBs to the mills on credit term of at least one month. This arrangement will directly benefit the smallholders through better price for their FFBs and cash payment which is more convenient to them. Co-operatives on the other hand, can afford longer term credit as they have the revolving funds. Apart from the direct benefits enjoyed by smallholders, as members of co-operatives they will also enjoy the benefits of cheaper prices of seedlings, agriculture inputs and dividends if the co-operatives make profits.

Transforming Rural Landscape through NCR Land Development

Tuan Speaker, currently last scale NCR Land Development has been spearheaded by SALCRA and FELDA. Under these two agencies, fragmented NCR lands which are uneconomic to develop are being consolidated to form a large contiguous development blocks viable for the development of large scale of palm plantations.

Native Land Development will continue to be an important agenda for agriculture and rural development in Sarawak. To date, out of total of approximately 1.5 million hectares of NCR land, about 627,000 hectares have been developed for agriculture purposes such as oil palm develop area is 363,000 ha, rubber is 179,700 ha, sago is 43,447 ha, pepper is 16,516 ha, coconut is 12,617 ha.

Based on the current progress of NCR land development there is still a huge potential for further development of NCR land which are idle and underutilized that can be made available for development. However, to develop the NCR lands through commercial and large scale land development approaches is an ever challenging task as most of the lands are scattered, fragmented and owned by individuals. Large and contiguous area is not easily available now and more so in the future.

To move forward, the Ministry is proposing to consolidate small parcels of idle agricultural lands which have great potential to be developed into modern farming areas. The Government through its land development agencies, is proposing to rent suitable idle agricultural lands from land owners who are no longer interested to develop their land. The consolidated parcels of land will be rented out to a single or a group of agriculture entrepreneurs as one sizeable block of modern agriculture land.

Attracting Youth Toagriculture Sector

Tuan Speaker, the Government is fully aware of the declining trend in youth participation in the agriculture sector not only in Sarawak but in Malaysia. In 2017, youth participation in agriculture experienced a 14% drop over the previous year. There are many factors contributing to the declining interest of youths in agriculture, among them being the 3D perception of agriculture as dirty, dangerous and difficult, and that work is tiring and not profitable. Other factors include access to capital and land resources, skills and exposure. This has prompted my Ministry to implement several initiatives to halt the slide.

Modern Agriculture / Smart Farming through TKPM Model

Tuan Speaker, to consider the perception among youth towards agriculture, the Government is promoting the adoption of modern and advanced technology such as smart and precision farming that can produce high-income agropreneurs. Among the smart farming systems that are being promoted are fertigation system for production of leafy and fruit vegetables under protected structures. A good example is our Taman Kekal Pengeluaran Makanan (TKPM) at Rampangi which attracted 18 participants comprising 83% of youth. The youth participants are from various professional and educational backgrounds ranging from SPM school leavers to degree holders. Some of the participants are earning a monthly income between RM7,000.00 to RM10,000.00. Other than TKPM Rampangi, my Ministry has also established three other TKPM namely TKPM Kabuloh in Miri, TKPM Semenggok and Pejiru in Kuching. A further five TKPM have been approved for future development in view of the good response from our youth. From the four TKPM that are now operational, about 53% of the 92 participants are youth. The average monthly income for the TKPM participants are RM4,500.00 and we have recorded the highest recorded yearly income of a participant of RM350,000.00.

Agro Park

Tuan Speaker, In addition to TKPM development model, the State Government has introduced the Agro Park development concept in an effort to provide land to aspiring youth to venture into agriculture. Various forms of assistance and incentives are provided. Such as:

1. Leasing of agriculture lots for food production for a suitable period of time. The participants shall be charged with appropriate rental fees;
2. Provision of basic infrastructure, amenities and facilities including access road, water and electricity supply, telecommunication, farm roads, farm infrastructure, drainage, post-harvest facilities and Information Centre; and
3. Providing various agriculture support services such as technical training, extension advice, marketing, quality assurance and financial assistance.

To date, the Government has planned to implement four Agro Parks, two (2) in Sarikei, one in Samarahan and another one in Saribas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat for Saribas, Layar, Repok, Meradong and Piasau for showing great interest on Agro Park development concept. Your comments and suggestions will be given due consideration by my Ministry.

Agro-based industry (Incubator)

Tuan Speaker, another initiative to attract youth to be involved in agriculture sector is through the Entrepreneurship Development Programme. To date, 135 youths had attended a six-month training programme in food processing at Pusat Latihan Industri Asas Tani,

Semenggok. 70 of them have started their own home-based industries and are currently under our monitoring system. Average monthly income earned RM2,200.00.

In addition to *Latihan Industri Asas Tani*, youth who are keen to pursue agro-based business can apply for the *Insentif Mula Projek* scheme.

Financing and Incentives

Tuan Speaker, to address the financing needs of youth in agriculture, the Government is making available the necessary capital through various grants and loans. Among them are the newly established agriculture venture capital fund of the State Government.

Agropreneur Muda Programme

The Agropreneur Muda Programme was introduced by Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Malaysia in 2014. Objective programme is to attract young people between the ages of 18 to 40 years to venture into agriculture. This programme offers In-Kind Contributions and Special Financing Scheme through Agrobank and TEKUN.

To date, a total of 217 youth in Sarawak have been assisted under this programme with a total allocation of RM3.1 million. My Ministry is planning to enhance this programme to compliment the effort of the Federal Government.

Capacity Building

Tuan Speaker, to mould the youth into successful entrepreneurs, they need to have necessary skills and knowledge as well as positive mind set. The Government therefore, will continue to focus educating and guiding youths in agriculture. An allocation of RM1.166 million for ICT training and development for young agropreneurs has been approved in 2018. This is to enable the youths of today to gain knowledge, motivation and information to become a cluster of highly skilled youths in agriculture.

To produce sufficient skilled workforce, structured training in agriculture is required. Agriculture Institute Sarawak provides a two (2) year Agriculture Certificate Program for SPM School certificate holders. It adopts the National Agriculture Certificate Syllabus that is recognised by *Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam* (JPA). To date, Agriculture Institute has successfully produced 1,372 graduates of which 85 % have been gainfully employed.

In 2017, the Agriculture Institute, in collaboration with *Bahagian Latihan Kemahiran Pertanian*, under the Ministry of Agriculture and Agrobased Industry started the Sijil Kemahiran Malaysia (SKM) in agricultural crop production with the first batch of 18 trainees.

Net Exporter of Food Products

Status of Food Trade

Tuan Speaker, net exporter one of the target is net exporter of food product. The growth and export earnings of the state's agriculture sector have been highly dependent on commodity products particularly that of oil palm. In 2017, the oil palm products contributed 88% to the Agriculture Gross Domestic Products and 85% to the total agriculture export earnings. This phenomenon, if continued can bring disadvantages, risks and negative impacts to the State's economy and farmers' incomes, particularly when there is existence of prolonged low commodity prices and stringent trade barriers imposed by the importing countries in the commodities.

In addition to the aforementioned observation, the State has also continued to experience food import deficits, RM2.2 billion in 2010 and RM3.6 billion in year 2017, an increase of 63.6% during the said period. The escalating food deficit would thus continue to have adverse impacts on food trade balance and food security requirements. This unhealthy scenario of rising food deficit is indeed has become an important issue and concern that my Ministry would need to address effectively.

To address the above issues, the economic base of agriculture sector will be further diversified and step is taken to venture into accelerated production of selected food products covering food crops, livestock and fisheries sector that have shown the greatest potentials to fulfil the rapid demands of global markets and domestic consumptions.

In fact, the State has set up a bold and ambitious plan to become a net exporter of food products by 2030 as well as to increase the self-sufficiency levels of priority food items, namely rice, beef, mutton and dairy products.

Currently, my Ministry is in the process of preparing a master plan to address the above issues and also to position Sarawak to be the key food products exporter in Malaysia.

In this connection, the State Government will collaborate and work closely with the Federal Government to ensure that the desired goal will be achieved together. My Ministry and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry has currently working on the mechanism to formalise the collaborations through the formation of Joint Committee on Agriculture between MOA and MANRED. The formation of this committee was mutually agreed during the visit of the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry to Sarawak, recently. The main task of this committee is to address all matters related to agriculture development including implementation issues.

Production of Selected Food Crops for Export Markets

Tuan Speaker, in line with the State's goal to become the net exporter of food products, my Ministry is taking step to accelerate and boost the production of pineapple, durian, coconut and banana. These fruit types have shown the greatest potentials to be further developed and strengthened to fulfil the rapidly expanding market demands both domestically and globally.

My Ministry, through the Department of Agriculture is also taking step to strengthen our international trade competitiveness in food production in terms of costs, in terms of quality through application of modern technology, Training, Extension Services, Quality Assurance and Bio-Security initiative. Besides reducing costs and increase quality of food products, these initiatives will also aim to ensure that food export products are able to meet the stringent market and biosecurity requirements of the importing countries.

To boost food production and market access, private sector shall be encouraged to play prime roles along the stages of supply and value chains, namely production, processing and marketing. Specific incentives shall be crafted and provided to attract and facilitate them to venture into large scale farming commercial production of food products.

In this regard, my Ministry has adopted the Anchor Company-Out grower business model which emphasise on the participation of private sector as Anchor Company and smallholder farmers as contract grower. The business model will leverage on application of modern technology including precision farming, digital technology, Good Agricultural Practices (myGAP) and use of high yielding planting materials.

With regard to Durian, my Ministry has appointed Top Fruits (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd to be the first anchor company. Top Fruits (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd has already secured market access in several countries notably China. The company has agreed to collaborate and work closely with the Department of Agriculture (DOA) in terms of transfer of durian packaged technology, training of DOA staff, rehabilitating of existing traditional durian trees and the new planting of high quality durian varieties, such as Musang King.

Tuan Speaker, for the information of this august House, Sarawak has successfully exported the first shipment of 16 tonnes frozen durian paste to China in March this year. The success of this model shall be replicated to other food sectors.

For 2018, the State target to produce 60 tonnes of raw durian paste which requires at least 300 tonnes of fresh local durian. As for pineapple, coconut, banana and stingless bee (*kelulut*), my Ministry is still in the discussion with some potential anchor companies.

Livestock

Tuan Speaker, aside from production of food crops, My Ministry is also committed to enhance the production of selected food produce from livestock sector for export markets. As for livestock sector, My Ministry through the Department of Veterinary Services is working closely with the local pig farm anchor company to ensure pig produce exported to Singapore is consistently meeting the quality standards and consumption volumes required by Singapore market.

The pig industry in Sarawak is quite well developed and has achieved self-sufficiency level (SSL) of 109% and at a per capita consumption of 17.32 kg. Currently the state export 1,250 live pigs as well as frozen pork to Singapore on a weekly basis. It is estimated that some 39,000 heads of live pig with an estimated value of RM45 million will be exported to Singapore this year.

For edible bird's nests, the Department of Veterinary Services is also strengthening its effort to facilitate and ensure edible bird's nests products exported to China are fully complied with the China quality standards.

The Department is currently assisting the industry in its traceability system using RFID as required by the China Accreditation Agency as well as promoting myGAP for food safety and quality. In 2017, Sarawak recorded an export value of RM20 millions of EBM.

Fisheries

Tuan Speaker, for Fishery sector, efforts are intensified to develop and strengthen the aquaculture sector, particularly to encourage the participation of private sector to venture into large scale production of tilapia fish, shrimps and high value indigenous fish such as *Ikan Empurau* for export markets. With regard to marine fish, efforts are intensified to increase the catches and landings of marine fish for export. In this regard my Ministry is collaborating and working closely with Federal Agencies to address fishery matters, such as fishing license and permits to ensure optimum benefit from export could be derived from capture fishery activities.

Tuan Speaker, for the information of this august House, in 2016, Sarawak had exported 4,400 metric tonnes of shrimps valued at RM138 million. In this regard, my Ministry is collaborating with the private sector to further promote and develop the shrimp's industry.

Grading, Packaging, Labelling (GPL) Regulations, 2008

Tuan Speaker, towards achieving international agriculture products quality standard, my Ministry would be collaborating with Federal Agriculture Marketing Authority (FAMA) to promote and enforce the adoption of Grading, Packaging, Labelling (GPL) Regulations, 2008 among agriculture industry players, encompassing the domestic, export and import markets. The target groups also include exporters, importers, wholesalers and retailers in the State.

The introduction of GPL Regulations, 2008 in Sarawak is very timely to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of agricultural products marketing in order to remain competitive and to be able to maintain existing markets or export market access in and out of the country in line with the changes in the world trade.

My Ministry together with FAMA will organise road show and workshops state-wide to ensure that our farmers and related industry players are able to comply with GPL regulation requirements.

Extension

Tuan Speaker, I wish to update the August House on the status of extension programme implemented by the Department of Agriculture, Sarawak. To strengthen the programme, the Department has established an Extension Unit at its headquarters (HQ). The roles of this unit are to oversee the planning, coordination and monitoring of the extension programmes throughout the State. There is a need to upgrade our Extension Department.

The Department is now focusing on improving and upgrading the competency of the extension staff in every Division to improve their knowledge and skills in agriculture technologies. It will work closely with other agriculture related agencies and higher learning institutions. The Department will also engage private sector as consultants and trainers to be involved in the extension programmes on specific crop production technologies through to marketing.

Since January this year, one 196 extension staff of the department had attended various training courses. The courses include extension methodology, post-harvest, crop production technology, GPS handling and mapping, stingless bee rearing, fustigation technology, plant propagation, food processing, aquaculture production and e-marketing.

To support the current extension programme, the Department is in the process of strengthening the competencies of its research officers to become specialists. They would be the resource person to provide technical advice to extension staff and farmers on crop production through to marketing. For farmers' training, the department had trained a total of 3,775 farmers on various short courses and in situ trainings as part of the extension programme since 2017.

Sarawak Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority (SALCRA)

Tuan Speaker, on Sarawak Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority, SALCRA development programme focuses on large-scale land development for conversion into commercial estates.

For 2018, SALCRA's activities are focusing on:

1. Managing its existing business;

2. Venturing into New Business; and
3. Application of digital technologies.

Managing Existing Business

The major activities of SALCRA existing business are management of oil palm estates, which includes implementation of development projects approved under Eleventh Malaysia Plan (11th MP).

Oil Palm Estates

Currently, SALCRA manage 19 oil palm estates with total area of 53,397 hectares (consisting of 35,370 hectares of mature field, 8,264 hectares of immature field and 9,763 hectares is due for Replanting), and five palm oil mills.

In regard to implementation of development projects for 2018, SALCRA targets to develop 12,800 hectares of land. As at June, 3,361 hectares of land have been cleared; of which 2,309 hectares have been planted.

Palm Oil Mills

Tuan Speaker, the five palm oil mills have processed 613,330 tonnes of fresh fruit bunches (FFB) from SALCRA's managed estates and private plantations and smallholders.

Venturing into New Business

Tuan Speaker, In support of the State Government's programme to modernise and commercialise agriculture, SALCRA has started preliminary works to undertake the following projects:-

(a) Rubber Projects

SALCRA plans to develop 20,000 hectares of rubber by 2030, either on its own or in partnership with private investors. Currently, approximately 1,600 hectares of land belonging to 73 landowners from four longhouses in Betong Division have been consented for development.

(b) Cattle Farming

SALCRA has been tasked to rear at least 20,000 heads of cattle by 2030 and produce 1,000 calves annually by 2020. To achieve this, SALCRA is to adopt integrated farming method – rearing under oil palm, open grazing and feed lot system, and the application of artificial insemination (AI).

(c) Application of Digital Technologies

Tuan Speaker, SALCRA is also harnessing the latest technology with the objective of increasing productivity, efficiency and effectiveness of its operation. There is an urgent need to utilise the latest technology to enhance plantation management. This includes, exploring and piloting the use of IoT, drone technology and fleet tracking system starting with its oil palm estates operations.

At present, SALCRA:-

- (a) Has set-up UAV Unit and has two (2) drone teams to undertake estate planning and design, inventories and operation monitoring works;
- (b) Is in the process of expanding its GPS Fleet Tracking System that it has piloted in 2012, to cover all the 19 estates before the year ends; and
- (c) Working on the details to pilot IoT in its estates, with the hope to start the first phase before the end of the year.

Rabies Update

Tuan Speaker, now I'm moving to another topic, Rabies Update. It has been one year now since the outbreak of Rabies in the State. My Ministry together with Ministry of Local Government and Housing, the Department of Health, Veterinary department, Local Council and NGOs are tirelessly working to eliminate this rabies scourge. To date, we have vaccinated about 78,000 dogs and cats and trying to achieve 70% herd immunity in the dog population to prevent enzootic transmission of the disease.

The way forward in this eradication programme is to apply IoT and develop Apps to improve our vaccination coverage, integrated bite case management, surveillance, monitoring capabilities as well as awareness campaign. Our slogan is 'No Bite, No Rabies'.

The Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak has started in July 2018 for the second round of free mass vaccination started in Serian Division for those dogs that were vaccinated last year to provide better protection. This exercise will be conducted in stages in all the affected areas comprising 5 teams involving government agencies, NGOs and private veterinarian. All dog owners are required to vaccinate and register their dogs.

I would like to thank Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat for Padungan, Bukit Assek and Bukit Semuja for raising concerns and comments on rabies. I assure Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat that my Ministry will intensify our efforts to control rabies menace in the State.

*Responses to Issues Raised Under the Purview of the
Ministry of Modernisation of Agriculture, Native Land and Regional Development*

Tuan Speaker, now I am responding to issues raised under the purview of my Ministry.

Agriculture and Farm Roads

Tuan Speaker, for the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Serembu, Layar, Murum, Lambir and Batu Danau, the government recognises the importance of farm infrastructure especially agriculture and farm roads. Therefore, in 2017, RM22.3 million was allocated for the implementation of 280 projects with a total length of 280 kilometres and benefited 4,476 farmers throughout the State.

In 2018, a sum of RM17 million has been approved for Agriculture Department of Sarawak for the implementation of another 166 farm road projects with a total length of 180 KM and expected to benefit 4,418 farmers.

Agriculture Training Centre and TKPM in Nanga Mujong

Tuan Speaker, for the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Pelagus, the site for the proposed Agriculture Training Centre (ATC) with an area of 130 acres has been identified at Nanga Mujong.

As regard to Ahli Yang Berhormat request for the setting up a Taman Kekal Pengeluaran Makanan (TKPM) next to the proposed ATC, my Ministry will give due consideration.

Pusat Pengumpulan, Pemprosesan dan Pembungkusan (CPPC)

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Goram, cadangan penubuhan Pusat Pengumpulan, Pemprosesan dan Pembungkusan (CPPC) di Kapit merupakan projek kolaborasi di antara Kerajaan Negeri dan Kerajaan Persekutuan melalui Lembaga Pemasaran Pertanian Persekutuan (FAMA). Kerajaan Negeri akan menyediakan tapak dan Kerajaan Persekutuan akan membiayai kos pembangunan projek ini. Model pembangunan projek ini adalah berasaskan model pembangunan Medan Niaga Satok di Kuching tetapi berskala lebih kecil yang mengandungi Pasar Tani Kekal (PTK) dan Pusat Pengumpulan (CC).

Setakat ini, cadangan untuk membina sebuah PTK dan Pusat Pengumpulan di Kapit masih di dalam peringkat perancangan awal. FAMA Negeri dengan kerjasama Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Sarawak telah mengenalpasti tapak di Bandar Kapit untuk pertimbangan selanjutnya oleh Kerajaan Negeri.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Simunjan, Samalaju dan Beting Maro, Kerajaan melalui program transformasi sektor pertanian mempunyai rancangan untuk mewujudkan rangkaian pemasaran dan pengedaran hasil pertanian yang bersepadu di seluruh Negeri Sarawak. Penubuhan sesebuah pusat pengumpulan hasil pertanian memerlukan perancangan yang teliti bagi memastikan pusat tersebut mencapai objektif transformasi sektor pertanian.

Ternakan

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Saribas, Lingga dan Engkilili, Kementerian saya sedang merangka Pelan Induk Pembangunan Ternakan untuk seluruh Sarawak. Ini termasuk pelan pembangunan ternakan haiwan pedaging dan tenusu seperti lembu, kerbau, kambing dan bebiri. Pada masa sekarang, Jabatan Perkhidmatan Veterinar Sarawak ada program pembangunan ternakan untuk membantu penternak memajukan usaha penternakan mereka termasuk penternakan lembu dan kambing. Penternak yang layak boleh dibantu dengan program Pawah Lembu, Program Pawah Kambing dan juga Unit Ternakan Komersial. Untuk program pawah lembu dan kambing, Jabatan akan membekalkan baka lembu dan kambing, dan penternak akan bayar balik lembu dalam tempoh enam (6) tahun dan kambing dalam tempoh tiga (3) tahun. Untuk program unit ternakan komersial, Jabatan akan membantu membekalkan input untuk pembinaan infrastruktur dan input ladang yang diperlukan.

Projek ternakan pedaging dan tenusu akan dilaksanakan di kawasan yang terpilih ikut kesesuaian tanah, prasarana dan ada kemudahan pemasaran.

Bagi mereka yang berminat bidang ternakan adalah digalakkan untuk berhubung dengan Jabatan Perkhidmatan Veterinar yang berdekatan.

Ternakan Khinzir

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Meluan, selain dari Pasir Putih di Simunjan, Kerajaan telah mengenal pasti dua kawasan baru untuk Kawasan *Pig Farming Area (PFA)* iaitu di Selangau, Sibu dan di Semarakan, Bintulu.

Jabatan Perkhidmatan Veterinar akan mengkaji kesesuaian Kawasan Meluan untuk mewujudkan PFA.

Penanaman Padi di Tanjung Purun, Lundu

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjung Datu, Kementerian saya melalui Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak telah menyediakan satu pelan yang komprehensif untuk mengurus aktiviti pengeluaran padi di Tanjung Purun, Lundu. Pelan tersebut bertujuan untuk memastikan penanaman padi dua musim setahun dan ditanam di seluruh kawasan. Satu "*management model*" yang merangkumi semua aktiviti sepanjang rantai nilai, termasuk penyelenggaraan infrastruktur, penggunaan tanah terbiar, bekalan benih bermutu, pengurusan air, pengurusan tanaman, dan mekanisasi ladang dan lepas tuai akan diguna pakai. Pelaksanaan pelan tersebut dijangka bermula pada musim penanaman padi yang akan datang.

Membangunkan Ladang Nanas Variety MD2 Di Kawasan Kampung Beladin, Pusa dan Sungai Lamun Tambak

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Beting Maro, pada masa ini terdapat kira-kira 150 hektar telah dan akan dibangunkan dengan tanaman nanas secara berkelompok di kawasan Beting Maro. 50 hektar daripada kawasan tanaman nanas di Beting Maro adalah di bawah IADA Kalaka-Saribas-Betong, sementara 100 hektar lagi di kawasan Sungai Lamun telah dibangunkan di bawah Lembaga Perindustrian Nanas Malaysia sejak tahun 2015.

Dalam usaha Kerajaan Negeri untuk menjadi pengeluar nanas utama di Malaysia, Kementerian saya sedang menyiapkan Pelan Induk Industri Nanas Negeri Sarawak menjelang 2030.

Zon Industri Akuakultur Beting Maro

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Beting Maro, Kementerian saya akan mengkaji bagi menentukan kesesuaian kawasan tersebut sebagai Zon Industri Akuakultur. Sementara itu, usahawan-usahawan akuakultur dari kawasan Beting Maro digalakkan untuk memohon projek-projek akuakultur daripada Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak, Jabatan Perikanan Laut Sarawak dan Lembaga Kemajuan Ikan Malaysia Sarawak.

Ladang Rakyat TH Pelita Beladin Maludam

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Beting Maro, terdapat projek pembangunan Tanah Hak Adat Bumiputra (NCR) yang sedang dilaksanakan oleh TH Pelita Beladin Sdn Bhd Berdasarkan perjanjian yang ditandatangani di antara Syarikat TH Pelita Beladin Sdn Bhd dengan peserta projek, pembayaran dividen hanya akan dibuat setelah syarikat mendapat keuntungan. Walau bagaimanapun, Kerajaan prihatin dengan peserta projek, maka pihak syarikat telah diarahkan untuk membuat bayaran insentif mulai tahun 2009. Bayaran insentif yang telah diagihkan sehingga kini adalah berjumlah RM4.5 juta kepada seramai 596 orang peserta projek.

Berhubung dengan Surat Ikatan Amanah (Principal Deed dan Trust Deed), seramai 554 orang peserta projek telah menandatangani dokumen tersebut. Bagi peserta projek yang belum menandatangani Surat Ikatan Amanah, pihak PELITA akan menyelesaikan perkara tersebut dalam masa yang terdekat.

NCR Land Development in Oya-Pakoh-Sekuau by SALCRA

Tuan Speaker, in response to the issue raised by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tamin, the approval for SALCRA to develop NCR land in Oya-Pakoh-Skuauis based on the following understanding:-

1. SALCRA received an application from the community through an application jointly signed by the chairman of the ADC, Encik Pelangi Dato; ex-Pemanca Wilfred Kiroh Jiram; and Penghulu Michael Jelani on 19th March 2010; and
2. SALCRA has carried out consultation works to secure free prior inform consent (FPIC) from individual landowners and GPS tracking of the area since February 2011. To-date, 1,436 Letter of Consent were signed by 407 landowners from 32 longhouses covering an area of approximately 5,000 hectares.

Land Titles to SALCRA Participants

Tuan Speaker, for the information of Honourable member for Opar, Sebako Oil Palm Estate comprises three phases with a total land lots of 1,410. To date, 590 titles have been issued. The remaining 820 lot has yet to be issued by Land and Survey Department Sarawak. SALCRA has consulted Land and Survey Department Sarawak on this matter and we were informed the remaining titles will be issued as follows:-

1. Phase 1 involving 132 lots to be issued latest by 2020; and
2. Phase 2 and 3, of 688 lots latest in 2025.

With regard to the issue raised by The Honourable Member for Kedup to expedite the issuance of land titles to the participating landowners in Serian Regional Oil Palm Complex under SALCRA, my Ministry will take the following actions:

1. Engage with SALCRA and Land and Survey Department Sarawak (L&S) to work out a common target (KPI) to issue the balance of land lots with titles within the next five (5) years;
2. To ensure the issuance of land titles shall follow SALCRA's development phases not more than two (2) years after planting;
3. To propose to Land and Survey to appoint Private Surveyors to carry out survey works in SALCRA's development areas; and
4. SALCRA to provide details of land information that require title lots survey to L&S Department.

Insentif/Bantuan dan Subsidi Input Pertanian Kepada Petani

Tuan Speaker, Kementerian saya sedar akan keperluan dan permintaan daripada para petani atau pekebun kecil terhadap kerpeluan insentif, bantuan dan subsidi yang disalurkan di bawah program dan projek pertanian sebagaimana yang dibangkitkan atau dicadangkan oleh Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kabong, Serembu, Lingga, Engkilili, Repok dan Meluan.

Kementerian ini melalui Jabatan Pertanian dan Jabatan Perkhidmatan Veterinar memang ada menyalurkan bantuan dan subsidi kepada para penternak dan petani. Agensi-agensi Persekutuan seperti Lembaga Perindustrian Nanas, Lembaga Lada Malaysia, MPOB, Lembaga Koko Malaysia, Lembaga Kemajuan Ikan Malaysia juga turut menyalurkan bantuan mengikut program dan projek pertanian dan perikanan masing-masing.

Coconut Authority

Tuan Speaker. Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Sadong Jaya yang mencadangkan menubuhkan 'Coconut Authority', kita telah mengenalpasti, kelapa telah dikenalpasti sebagai komoditi yang akan dibangunkan untuk memenuhi keperluan tempatan dan eksport. Kementerian saya sedang merangka satu pelan induk untuk membangunkan industri tanaman kelapa. Cadangan untuk menubuhkan satu lembaga khas perlu dikaji dengan teliti sebelum Kementerian dapat membuat keputusan.

Bangunan Pejabat Jabatan-Jabatan di Pekan Simunjan

Tuan Speaker, Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Simunjan, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Simunjan, Jabatan Kerja Raya Sarawak telah menjalankan Program Penilaian Kondisi Bangunan Kerajaan secara tahunan khususnya kepada kuarters Kerajaan. Daripada penilaian tersebut, Daerah Simunjan menunjukkan keperluan tambahan kuarters berdasarkan permintaan pegawai-pegawai Kerajaan. Oleh yang demikian, beberapa cadangan projek bagi membangunkan bangunan Kerajaan antaranya kuarters Kerajaan Negeri telah dikemukakan untuk kelulusan. Cadangan ini melibatkan pembinaan semula bangunan kuarters dengan binaan konkrit yang lebih kondusif terutamanya bagi gred sokongan II bagi menggantikan berek kayu.

Delay in Renewal of Appointment of KMKK

Tuan Speaker. Mengenai 'Delay and Renewal of Appointment of Ketua Masyarakat dan Ketua Kaum'. Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Machan, perlantikan semula Ketua Masyarakat dan Ketua Kaum bagi Daerah Kanowit telah diluluskan pada 1 Julai 2018 melalui Jawatankuasa Panel Pemilihan Ketua Masyarakat Ketua Kaum Bahagian Sibiu.

Perlantikan dan Kriteria Jawatan Ketua Masyarakat dan Ketua Kaum (KMKK)

Mengenai pelantikan dan kriteria jawatan Ketua Masyarakat Ketua Kaum. Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Semuja, cadangan penambahan jawatan Temenggong, Pemanca dan Penghulu bagi Bahagian Serian masih dalam peringkat kajian dan pertimbangan Kerajaan Negeri.

Kerajaan juga mengambil maklum cadangan daripada Yang Berhormat dari, bagi Lingga mengenai penambahan kriteria-kriteria bagi perlantikan Ketua Masyarakat Ketua Kaum Negeri Sarawak.

Tuai Rumah dan Ketua Kampung Belum Dilantik Secara Rasmi

Mengenai Tuai Rumah dan Ketua Kampung belum dilantik secara rasmi. Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Batu Danau, sejak 17 Februari 2000 sehingga kini, Kerajaan Negeri hanya akan mempertimbangkan permohonan rumah panjang yang mempunyai 20 pintu atau pun lebih sahaja untuk mewujudkan jawatan Ketua Kaum. Walau bagaimanapun, Kerajaan Negeri tidak menggalakkan pewujudan jawatan baru Ketua Kaum bagi kes-kes yang membabitkan perpecahan rumah panjang atau kampung asal.

Keadaan Keselamatan Negeri Sarawak

Tuan Speaker, mengenai keadaan keselamatan dalam negeri. Seterusnya, saya akan menyentuh perkara-perkara yang berhubung dengan Keadaan Keselamatan dalam negeri, Bantuan Bencana, Transformasi Luar Bandar dan *Unit for Other Religions*.

Keselamatan Sempadan Antarbangsa Negeri

Untuk makluman Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, mengenai keadaan keselamatan Sarawak secara keseluruhannya, bagi separuh tahun 2018 adalah dalam keadaan terkawal. Tiada isu-isu besar yang melibatkan keselamatan dalam negeri mahupun keselamatan sempadan darat, laut dan ruang sempadan negeri. Walau bagaimanapun, operasi dan pemantauan sentiasa dilaksanakan oleh semua agensi keselamatan darat, laut dan udara bagi memastikan situasi keselamatan negeri terus terkawal.

Untuk mengukuhkan bagi keselamatan sempadan di seluruh negeri Sarawak, satu (1) Briged Sempadan telah ditubuh yang terdiri daripada lima (5) Batalion Rejimen Sempadan yang mana *Briged* ini masih dalam proses pengisian jawatan dan dijangka dapat beroperasi sepenuhnya pada tahun 2019.

Dengan mewujudkan briged yang tersebut, maka Divisyen Pertama Infantri Malaysia akan menambah empat (4) buah lagi Pangkalan Operasi Hadapan iaitu '*Forward Operation Base*' Pakan, Mabong, Bakun dan Long Akah.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjung Datu yang membangkitkan isu keselamatan sempadan di Telok Melano khususnya dan di sepanjang sempadan amnya, pihak Jabatan Imigresen Malaysia Negeri Sarawak telah mengemukakan cadangan untuk mewujudkan sebuah Pos Kawalan Sempadan di Telok Melano. Pihak Jabatan Imigresen telah mengemukakan cadangan tersebut kepada, sebuah Kompleks Imigresen, Kastam, Kuarantin dan Keselamatan di Telok Melano kepada Kementerian Dalam Negeri melalui Ibu Pejabat Imigresen Putrajaya 2017. Namun, cadangan ini masih dalam kajian.

Dalam pada itu, bagi menangani isu kawalan sempadan dari Biawak sehingga ke Tanjung Datu, pada masa ini kawasan tersebut adalah di bawah kawalan Pasukan Gerakan Am Polis DiRaja Malaysia dan setengah platoon terdiri daripada 18 orang telah ditempatkan di kawasan Telok Melano. Pihak PGA Briged Sarawak juga telah merancang untuk menempatkan satu (1) lagi seksyen seramai 11 orang untuk kawalan di ICQS Biawak. Selain itu, pihak Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri, Koperasi dan Kepenggunaan juga telah beroperasi di ICQS Biawak bagi memantau kegiatan penyeludupan barangan kawalan di kawasan tersebut.

Keselamatan dan Ketenteraman Awam

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat, keselamatan dan ketenteraman awam negeri Sarawak juga berada dalam keadaan yang stabil dan terkawal.

Kadar jenayah di negeri Sarawak dalam tempoh Januari sehingga Jun 2018 menunjukkan penurunan 11% berbanding tempoh yang sama pada tahun 2017. Namun demikian, Kerajaan akan terus berusaha membanteraskan jenayah demi menjamin kesejahteraan dan keselamatan negeri Sarawak.

Polis DiRaja Malaysia sedang giat melaksanakan pelbagai inisiatif pencegahan jenayah bagi mengekalkan keharmonian dan kesejahteraan rakyat. Antaranya adalah mewujudkan *Community Policing*, *Volunteer Smartphone Patrol*, AMANITA dan *Omni-presence*.

Dalam pada itu, 'Operasi Harapan' telah dilancarkan pada 1 Julai 2018 bagi mempertingkatkan keberkesanan mencegah jenayah PDRM. Operasi ini melibatkan kerjasama pelbagai peringkat pegawai kanan dan anggota PDRM. Usaha ini akan diteruskan mengikut keperluan semasa.

Pembinaan Ibu Pejabat Polis Daerah dan Balai Polis

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kalaka mengenai Ibu Pejabat Polis Daerah (IPD) Saratok, Kerajaan telah merancang untuk membina IPD yang baru dan PDRM mempunyai sebidang tanah, iaitu Blok Lot 2411 Blok 12, *Awik Krian Land District* yang berkeluasan 4.23 ekar. Namun, tanah tersebut tidak dapat memenuhi garis panduan Perancangan Ekonomi yang menetapkan keluasan tanah yang diperlukan bagi sesebuah IPD luar bandar adalah seluas 10 sehingga 15 ekar. PDRM masih dalam peringkat mengenal pasti tapak yang sesuai.

Untuk makluman Yang Berhormat dari Beting Maro berkaitan dengan pembinaan Balai Polis RGC Beladin, Balai Polis RGC Beladin dijadualkan siap pada bulan Ogos 2018, namun pembinaan ini menghadapi kelewatan atas faktor perubahan reka bentuk struktur pada pelan asal. Pada ketika ini, pembinaan Balai Polis RGC Beladin telah siap 90%.

Bantuan Kerajaan kepada Mangsa Bencana Banjir

Tuan Speaker, Untuk makluman Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, Kerajaan adalah prihatin terhadap mangsa-mangsa yang terjejas akibat bencana banjir. Sehubungan itu, bantuan telah disalurkan untuk meringankan beban mereka. Kerajaan telah memperuntukan sebanyak RM 34.5 juta untuk membaik pulih 173 buah sekolah dan 27 buah klinik kesihatan, pembaikan jalan raya yang disebabkan 204 kawasan tanah runtuh, serta pemberian bantuan wang ihsan bagi mangsa bencana banjir yang melanda negeri Sarawak bagi tempoh 16 November 2017 sehingga 20 Mac 2018.

Rural Transformation Projects (RTP)

Tuan Speaker, I would like to thank the Honourable Members of this august House for supporting the efforts of the Government to improve the infrastructure and physical facilities in the rural areas through the implementation of the people-centric Rural Transformation Projects (RTP).

A total of RM1.54 billion had been allocated for the period of 2015 to 2017 to implement 4,836 Rural Transformation Projects in the State. As at 30th June 2018, 3,929 projects or 81.2% of the total number of projects had been completed while the remaining 907 projects are still at various stages of implementation. The breakdown for 2015 to 2017 is as follows:

1. For 2015, out of 1,853 approved projects, 1,812 projects or 97.8% had been completed;
2. For 2016, out of 1,346 approved projects, 1,236 projects or 91.8% had been completed; and
3. For 2017, out of 1,637 approved projects, 881 projects or 53.8% had been completed.

I would like to respond to the Honourable Members for Tasik Biru and Ngemah on the issues of delay in implementation of RTP projects. The Government acknowledges that there are some shortcomings in the implementation of RTP projects. Among the shortcomings is the frequent changes of projects. To date, 2,168 projects or 45% of the total 4,836 projects involved changes in project scope, cost and location.

Recognising these shortcomings, the Government is taking various initiatives to strengthen RTP management. This includes revamping certain implementation Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). Among these initiatives and the revamp include:

1. Establishment of dedicated RTP Units in JKR Divisional Offices comprising 'RTP Unit with Design Function' in three (3) major Divisions (Kuching, Sibuan and Miri) and 'RTP Unit without Design Function' in other Divisions. The 'RTP Unit with Design Function' will provide design services to neighbouring Divisions defined by JKR's Regional Boundary and will only handle projects of value less than RM2 million each. 'RTP Unit without Design Function' will focus on project management. This involves delegation of authority of some JKR Headquarters functions to the Divisional Offices;
2. Increase the number of technical personnel at JKR Divisional and District Offices. In order to strengthen the capacity in JKR Divisional and District Offices, the creation of 239 professional / technical posts on *Jawatan Berasaskan Caruman (JBC)* basis had been approved by the State Government. The approved posts consist of 86 Engineer Grade J41, 6 Architect Grade J41, 12 Quantity Surveyor Grade J41, 99 Assistant Engineer Grade JA29, 24 Draughtsman / Assistant Architect Grade JA29 and 12 Assistant Quantity Surveyor Grade JA29 for a contract period of two (2) years;
3. Increase Divisional Tender Board authority from RM500,000 to RM2 million to expedite the procurement process for RTP projects;
4. Delegation of authority to Divisional Siting Committee for siting approval;
5. Delegation of authority to Residents to approve project changes which do not involve increase in project allocation; and
6. Regular monitoring meetings and site visits by the State Implementation Monitoring Unit (SIMU) to keep track on the progress of all projects.

The Government takes note of the concern of Honourable Member for Layan on the quality of RTP projects. In order to address this issue, an Audit Committee will be established to constantly monitor and audit the work processes and decisions to ensure the good Corporate Governance is complied. I would like to appeal to all Honourable Members of this august House to assist in monitoring by giving feedback to the committee. To ensure smooth and more systematic implementation of the RTPs, I would also urge the Honourable Members of this august House to consider undertaking a more forward planning exercise for their proposed projects by establishing projects bank in their respective constituencies and to minimize changes to projects which had been approved.

Unit for Other Religions (UNIFOR)

Tuan Speaker, In November 2017 DUN Sitting, I reported on the setting up of Unit for Other Religions (UNIFOR). Now, I would like to update this august House on UNIFOR's initiative and achievement.

Tuan Speaker, In 2017, the Right Honourable Datuk Patinggi Chief Minister announced the annual allocation of State Fund to assist the Non-Islamic religious institutions in the State to construct and repair their Houses of Worship. I must thank the Right Honourable Datuk Patinggi Chief Minister for his support and blessing.

A total of RM15 million was approved in 2017 for the construction and repair of 77 Houses of Worship. As to date, 25 projects have been completed while the remaining is still in various stages of implementation.

For 2018, an amount of RM32.3 million has been approved. As at May 2018, RM15.87 million has been disbursed to 206 Houses of Worship. The balance of allocation will be disbursed in the second phase of this year.

Tuan Speaker, In addition, the State Government has also approved the following:

1. Three (3) acres of State Land at Ong Tiang Swee road for the construction of UNIFOR complex; and
2. The creation of Sarawak Unit for Other Religions Charitable Trust on 29th March 2018 aimed at looking after the well-being of the Non-Islamic Community in the State.

The formation of UNIFOR Religious Advisory Committee is being finalized. The main function of this committee is to give advice, recommend solutions to the Government on any religious problems, issues or conflicts in the State. This Committee comprises of leaders from the Non-Islamic religious groups.

Tuan Speaker, over the last four days of debate in this august House, I noted that all Honorable Members have shown keen interest on matters relating to agriculture sector, as evident by many issues and suggestion raised. I wish to extend my appreciation for the constructive comments and inputs in assisting my Ministry to transform in agriculture sector.

Tuan Speaker, post GE14 will be interesting year for us in Sarawak. As we travel to through uncharted era. It will be filled with hopes and challenging, as we continue to implement our Socio Economic Transformation Program, emphasizing on rural transformation eradication of poverty, closing the development gap and uplift the livelihood of Sarawakians.

Let us all, irrespective of our political affiliation support the Right Honourable Chief Minister's development agenda toward making Sarawak a high income state 2030.

Sarawak has always been a model State for racial and religious harmony. Let no one, including Honourable Members of this august House instigate the people to create tension and disunity for your short term political mileage.

Tuan Speaker, In conclusion, let me reaffirm my Ministry's commitment to transform the agriculture sector into a vibrant, progressive and a new source of wealth. This can be achieved through precision farming, adoption of modern technology, viable value chain and sustainable agricultural practices.

I must emphasize here, that this transformation programme cannot be achieved by our Ministry alone. We need the support and cooperation of all stakeholders especially othe government agencies, the target groups, landowners and agropreneurs. We also need the support of all Honourable Members of this august House. Let us work together to realise this transformation agenda to eradicate poverty, reduce income disparities, engaging the youth and making Sarawak as the Net Expoter of Food Product by 2030.

Saya mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi tahniah kepada Datuk Amar Speaker kerana telah mengendalikan persidangan Dewan kali ini dengan penuh bertanggungjawab, tegas, profesional dan cukup kemas dan teratur.

Saya juga mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri, Peguam Besar Negeri, Setiausaha Kewangan Negeri, Setiausaha-Setiausaha Tetap Kementerian,

Ketua-Ketua Jabatan dan semua pegawai-pegawai Kerajaan yang telah membantu dan memberi kerjasama bagi menjayakan persidangan Dewan ini.

*GPS gabungan parti yang baru,
Rakyat Sarawak berbilang bangsa,
Semua bahagia hidup bersatu,
Kerajaan Sarawak gagah berkuasa.*

Finally, I wish all of us in this august House a blessed Sarawak Independence Day on 22nd July. Terima kasih Tuan Speaker.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat we will have a short break. Adjournment until 12 noon in the afternoon and I would like to appeal to all Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat to be on time at 12 o'clock for the winding up speech from Yang Amat Berhormat, our Chief Minister.

(Mesyuarat ditangguh pada jam 11.45 pagi)

(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada jam 12:21 tengah hari)

YB Encik Wong King Wei: Thank you Tuan Speaker. I have submitted an Emergency Motion yesterday, to the Secretary of the DUN and I did not see it being listed in the Order of the day. May I seek the clarification from the Chair? Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Members, the Deputy Secretary of the DUN received the Motion from the Honourable Member for Padungan at 2:30 pm. Under Standing Order 15(2), it must be submitted at least 24 hours before the commencement of the Sitting at 9:00 am. Therefore, when you submitted it at 2:30 pm, it falls short by three and half hours of the 24 hours. That is 15 Order 2. I haven't finished. Under 15 Order 2, you have to satisfy three ingredients;

- i. The matter is definite;
- ii. Of public importance; and
- iii. Urgent.

This matter had been raised in the last two (2) Sittings. Therefore, there is no urgency. The urgency does not arise. Therefore, your Motion does not satisfy the three (3) full ingredients required. As such the Motion is dismissed.

Dengan segala hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Ketua Menteri merangkap Menteri Kewangan dan Perancangan Ekonomi dan merangkap Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli untuk menyampaikan Ucapan Penggulungan.

Ketua Menteri, Menteri Kewangan dan Perancangan Ekonomi dan Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli (YAB Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg): Terima kasih Tuan Speaker. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh dan selamat sejahtera.

Tuan Speaker, dalam Ucapan Penggulungan saya kali ini, saya tidak akan menyentuh beberapa perkara spesifik kerana perkara tersebut sudah disentuh oleh Menteri-Menteri yang bertanggungjawab. Namun demikian terlebih dahulu saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak atas Ucapan Pembukaan Pertama Penggal Ketiga Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak Yang Kelapan Belas.

Kita amat menghargai ingatan dan pesanan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak agar Kerajaan Negeri sentiasa prihatin dan member perhatian serius terhadap kepentingan dan hak semua kaum dalam menggubal dan melaksanakan Polisi Kerajaan. Mana-mana kaum hendaklah berasa terpinggir atau dipinggir dan tertinggal

Dalam menangani sebarang isu kita mestilah bertindak rasional dan bermuafakat dalam setiap hal. Semua pihak hendaklah mengelak daripada bersikap *emotional* kerana perpaduan adalah kunci kekuatan kepada pembangunan Negeri kita.

Saya juga ingin mengucapkan tahniah kepada Timbalan Ketua Menteri Sarawak, Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Douglas Unggah Embas atas pembentangan dan kelulusan *Land Code (Amendment) Bill, 2018*. Tahniah juga saya ucapkan kepada Timbalan Ketua Menteri Sarawak, Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Bin Ali Hasan atas pembentangan dan kelulusan *The Oil Mining (Amendment) Bill, 2018*.

GE14 and Political Relations

Tuan Speaker, the 14th Malaysia General Election had on 9th May 2018 has resulted in the change of Government at the Federal level. I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Yang Amat Berhormat Tun Pehin Sri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad for his appointment as the 7th Prime Minister of Malaysia. I would also like to congratulate Yang Berhormat Encik Baru Bian and Yang Berhormat Encik Chong Cheng Jen on their appointment as Federal Minister of Works and Deputy Minister of Domestic Trade, Co-operative and Consumerism, respectively. Tuan Speaker, while the Sarawak Government continues to ensure the progress of Sarawak, as a component entity in Malaysia, Sarawak will still be influenced by the National policies of the Federal Government. These national policies concern the Federal budget and the location of funds for the development, education and healthcare, order and security, the interest rate, the exchange rate, the bank lending policy, and many others. The Sarawak Government will work closely with the new Federal Government under the premiership of Yang Amat Berhormat Tun Pehin Sri Dr. Mathathir bin Mohamad in the interests of Sarawak and for the people of Sarawak. We will develop good working relationships with Putrajaya. With constant engagement, we wish to convince the new Federal Government that what it is trying to accomplish at the national level can also be achieved by the Sarawak Government at the State level.

After all, as a matter of fact, during GE14, the Sarawak parties in the current Government won 19 out of the 31 seats, which give us a majority of 61%. Our prime agenda is to safeguard the interest of the State and to protect our rights as enshrined in the Malaysian Constitution and Malaysia Agreement, 1963. The experience within the context of the national coalition parties such as Barisan Nasional has taught us a lesson, that is, Sarawak parties have no complete freedom to speak for Sarawak as they are obliged to observe the decisions by the Barisan National coalition Whip. This negates the freedom to act on Sarawak interests.

Ketua Menteri, Menteri Kewangan dan Perancangan Ekonomi dan Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli (YAB Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg): With the strategic interests of Sarawak in mind, this Government has decided to position itself in a neutral and friendly way to the Pakatan Harapan Government in Putrajaya by leaving Barisan Nasional and forming Gabungan Parti Sarawak (GPS). The formation of GPS allows our State Government to work closely with the Federal Government, especially on development and economic programmes so that the well-being of Sarawakians can be taken care of.

GPS will not be the old Barisan Nasional encased in new skin. GPS is patriotic Sarawak parties regrouping and adjusting ourselves to the new paradigm that is being set by the Pakatan Harapan Government. GPS is about being dynamic and versatile.

PM's Visit To Sarawak

Tuan Speaker, it is with great honour for Sarawak that the Prime Minister Yang Amat Berhormat Tun Dr Mathathir bin Mohamad visited Kuching and the Sarawak Government only just last Sunday, so soon after resuming his premiership role. The Prime Minister was impressed by the progress that Sarawak has made throughout all parts of the State all these years in many ways.

He saw Kuching as a well-planned city but this time with many more cars on the road. The Prime Minister noted that Sarawak has a lot of potential for development and growth, and has been able to attract many investors including big foreign investors. He saw the pace of development of Sarawak to be dictated by the way the natural resources as assets of Sarawak will be used.

The Prime Minister said Sarawak can capitalise on our many rivers which can be made to become an economic power engine of growth in terms of riverine transportation, power generation and source of water supply. He noted that the focus on the development of natural resources such as rivers and land also means the need to take care of the environment.

Petroleum

Tuan Speaker, an issue of great economic and emotional appeal to Sarawakians is our right to our resources and legislation including those relating to petroleum. This issue has been simmering in the hearts of Sarawakians since 1974 when the Petroleum Development Act was first promulgated in Parliament. For the record, this august House has never endorsed that PDA 1974.

Our goal is to restore to Sarawak our rights that are enshrined in the Malaysia Agreement of 1963 – the international treaty between Sarawak, Sabah, Singapore and Malaya to form the Federation of Malaysia which puts Sarawak as an equal partner with Malaya and Sabah. Among those rights are the rights of Sarawak to our own legislations, including those that were enacted before the formation of the Federation.

The Sarawak Oil Mining Ordinance of 1958 is one such good law which still remains in force today. The Oil Mining Ordinance 1958 gives Sarawak full regulatory authority over all persons and companies involved in the operations of the oil and gas industry in Sarawak. Petronas applied to the Federal Court to seek a declaration that the Sarawak Oil Mining Ordinance 1958 was already repealed implicitly by the Petroleum Development Act. We are glad that this application to seek the declaration in the Federal Court was rejected by the Federal Court on 22nd June 2018.

In the meantime, Sarawak is proceeding to enforce the Oil Mining Ordinance 1958 and the Gas Distribution Ordinance 2016 effective 1st July 2018 through the Sarawak Minerals and Management Authority or SMMA of Petroleum Sarawak Bhd or PETROS.

The provisions for enforcement are tightened by the Oil Mining (Amendment) Bill 2018 passed in this august House last week on 10th July 2018. With the Gas Distribution Ordinance, the Sarawak Government will work closely with the Federal Ministry of Domestic Trade, Co-operatives and Consumerism and Petronas regarding the distribution of natural gas to consumers in Sarawak.

We hope that Petronas can understand the position that the Sarawak Government is taking. We wish to assure oil and gas industry players in Sarawak that the Sarawak Government is reasonable and is business friendly.

The Sarawak Government expects Petronas to be friendly and co-operative. After all, Pakatan Harapan in its GE14 manifesto promised to deliver to Sarawak a petroleum royalty of 20%, up from 5%. This indicates that the Pakatan Harapan Federal Government favours Sarawakians in its dealings, at the very least, in regard to petroleum.

Financial Reserves

Tuan Speaker, the financial reserves of Sarawak, which are partly accumulated from petroleum revenue, are being accumulated for the purpose of safeguarding Sarawak. We have to protect these reserves, by ensuring that they are being put into productive investments. Some have suggested in the past that the reserves should be put as a sovereign fund by investing in the paper and assets of foreign countries and companies. We can also use our reserves to build our own economy by investing in projects with good commercial returns and minimal risks.

Tuan Speaker, the State is very careful in its spending and any investment we undertake, it has to go through very stringent process and due diligence. Only if the investment is proven viable then only we commit our funds. We will not rush in spending our reserves without any proper justification as we want to ensure that our reserves are spent for the benefit of Sarawak and future generations to come.

Economy

Tuan Speaker, after politics, the next most important consideration for the Sarawak Government to take care of is the economy. In economics, there are always two aspects that we cannot ignore that is development and growth. In development, our concern is in ensuring that all communities have access to basic infrastructure and amenities. In economic growth, our concern is also to all communities in their access to basic infrastructure for production and export, and strengthen the growth and increase the income level of the people.

Rural Development

Tuan Speaker, development in Sarawak has been very challenging. Firstly, because of our huge landmass and, secondly, because of the many small and scattered villages in remote parts of Sarawak, now numbering some 5,000 villages. This is the result of the evolution of traditional communities in Sarawak, where each community would find their means of living by a small river tributary which they could call their own. They depended very much on Mother Nature for their sustenance.

Many villages would gather and hunt in nearby forests and plant whatever they could in surrounding areas mostly by shifting cultivation in order to retain the fertility of the soil. Over time, these basic cultivation procedures and way of life form an intricate part of the culture of these communities, as their traditional form of survival. In the modern times of today, however, many rural communities want to modernise their way of life.

It is inevitable that they will also have to deal more with issues concerning capital, precision farming, exports, business models and logistics. There is a need for a great leap forward among our communities in the hinterland to the modern world.

In the past, the Federal Government has been making development allocation according to the size of our population which is generally taken to be about 10% of the total Malaysian population.

This development allocation may be sufficient for social projects but is clearly not sufficient to develop a landmass which is 38% that of the Malaysia total landmass. This accounts for the relative lack of basic infrastructure and the current backwardness in the development of our rural communities.

Tuan Speaker, this is a major error which I hope the new Federal Government can correct in their relationship with us.

The new Federal Government must increase the development allocations to Sarawak by at least four times. This will allow Sarawak to speedily upgrade our rural infrastructure including roads, drinking water, electricity and the internet, schools and medical clinics, and agricultural and economic programmes.

In this connection, I wish to urge the new Federal Works Minister to ensure that Sarawak, his home State, be given its proper and due allocations for development and infrastructure works.

Tuan Speaker,

My Commitment to Basic Infrastructure and Amenities

Since becoming Chief Minister 18 months ago in January 2017, I have travelled the length and breadth of Sarawak and to more than 187 locations in the rural areas. I am saddened to see that so much work still needs to be done in trying to solve the problems faced by our people in their everyday lives.

Even though I have been part of the government that looks after Sarawak more than 30 years ago, I had been unable to be totally involved in the planning and development of all issues that needed to be done, by nature of the limited individual involvement in government, of our respective portfolios and areas of focus.

Now that I am in the position to have an overall view and total involvement, I can assure you that I am now fully committed to ensuring that our people are no longer deprived of their basic needs and the opportunity to a better and more prosperous life.

Many areas in Sarawak are still in need of treated water as they do not have access to it. I have found out that during my travel and engagement, it is necessary for us to rationalise the mechanics and models of water project funding and implementation.

All this while, we are funding the projects through reimbursable and loans from the Federal Government. We were totally at the mercy of the Ministry concerned which fully controlled the disbursement of funds.

If they had no funds to provide the loans, there would be no projects for water supply. And if they had the funds, very often the funds would be disbursed at the end of the year which made planning and implementation almost impossible.

In order for Sarawak to be self-determined in our development efforts, I have decided early this year that the Sarawak Government will fund all water projects in the State, just like we do for our electricity supply which is fully under our own control.

That is why, I have announced an immediate RM2.0 billion allocation to solve all water-stressed areas which must be completed latest by next year. I will personally monitor every month the implementation and progress of these projects regularly through ground visits and the Project Development Monitoring Committee.

I have also announced roads, bridges and other projects all over Sarawak totalling about RM5.1 billion during my walkabout since taking over as the Chief Minister. I wish to assure Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat that I will continue to capitalise on every avenue to increase our State revenue to meet the cost of our development agenda. Insyallah i have a formula, perhaps I will announce the end of the year. To increase our State revenue.

Tuan Speaker,

Agriculture and Rural Economy

We often think that agriculture and the rural economy are one and the same thing, when in fact they are not. Unless we think of traditional agriculture which of course started in the rural economy.

Modern agriculture does not depend very much on the ordinary farmer to work. Modern agriculture depends on modern technology to drive production efficiency and these can be operated out of major industrial parks, rather than in small villages in the remote areas.

Modern farming is precision farming. While modern farming depends on agriculture and digital technology to work, it is more agriculture than digital.

For the rural economy, while we may think that it is largely agriculture, it may not necessarily be the case. Most the agriculture in the rural economy is subsistence farming which feeds only the farmers' own families.

They are far away from the nearest markets. Their remoteness often does not allow their commercial viability. It will be a mistake to think of expanding their small operations with surplus to sell in the market.

But we see today even in Sarawak that the rural economy is also agriculture on an industrial scale. The large plantations are not farming but industrial complexes that utilises land as the platform for production.

But at least plantations which involve investment in planting are a far better activity than logging which is pure extraction as efforts in restoring the conditions of the forests in Sarawak has failed.

The rural economy can therefore be developed by encouraging investment across all sectors, be it agriculture, light industries or services, with a proper management of the natural environment. This is now made possible by the advent of the digital technology and connectivity to the rest of the world.

Sustainable Environment And No New Timber Licences

Tuan Speaker, my administration will continue to stop the issuance of new timber licences. Vast tracts of the forest have already been logged and they have been very difficult to restore.

Worse still is the stripping of the forests of all their vegetation by plywood factories operating deep in the forests, ostensibly to clear the land for the planting of oil palm. As such, therefore, there will be no more new palm oil plantation licences except for NCR land.

We shall continue to fight illegal logging. Not only are they just stealing timber in areas which are not licensed to them, but they are also intruding into forest reserve areas. If unchecked, we may have no more forest reserves of any kind, fully protected or otherwise. We must protect our protected forests if we want to retain any of our indigenous virgin jungle.

Urban Development

Tuan Speaker, as we focus to bring modernity to rural communities, we must not forget that 60% of our population is in the urban centres. We must create jobs and business opportunities in urban centres. As we have the rural poor, we also have the urban poor where there is a shortage of affordable housing as well as the incomes to pay for the housing mortgages. The urban centres are also where most of the talents are and this is the place which we must develop to ensure the sustained growth of our economy.

Whether we like it or not, the rural urban migration is real, where young people from the villages all flock to the towns and cities attracted by the bright light to look for better opportunities. We must develop our urban centres. If we do not, then our young people will look for opportunities in urban centres overseas. I must continue to emphasise the importance of increasing the competitiveness of our urban centres. Competitiveness can be improved by building the critical mass of people and talent so that there are sufficient numbers to support the economic viability of public infrastructure projects, chief of which is the public transport system.

A well-planned public transport system reduces the cost of living in a city and this attracts people to come and live there. A good public transport system forms the foundation for the expansion of the city in terms of commercial and residential property development. A growing city plans for growth by making the city attractive and by building its capacity to absorb more residents.

Around the world, this has in fact become the major job function of city councils as they compete to attract young talents from everywhere to come and live there and contribute to the prosperity of the cities. A good public transport system comprises an assortment of transportation system which includes the Bus Rapid Transit, the Light Rail Transit, private cars, taxis and cyclists.

The pace of development of our public transportation depends on the growth of our urban population and the need for affordable housing. We have to get our numbers and business model right to ensure that the project is at least economically viable.

At the moment, there is constant and growing transportation problem especially between Kuching and Samarahan. We do need to plan ahead on our public transport infrastructure if we want to see urban centres grow in a decisively manner. A proper planned Kuching City can become a major area of opportunities for young Sarawakians.

Digital Technology

Tuan Speaker, I have in the last 18 months since assuming my present office on 13th January 2017 introduced several innovative ideas to try to put our State economy in a different and hopefully a better paradigm.

First and foremost is the application of the digital technology as an enabler to a new dimension of the economy which we have called the Digital Economy. The importance of the digital technology is that this is the very foundation around which the lives of millennial and modern people revolve. We must be in the digital world in order to tap the significant market of the millennial. It is for this reason that I have been pushing for a more comprehensive and adequate network coverage within Sarawak.

But the development of the network coverage infrastructure is one of the many elements that are needed to create new economic sectors or new structures of the economy through the application of the digital technology.

The development of the digital technology sector is one where only the best of the best in the world stands any chance of winning. For the rest of us, we shall have to be content with the application of existing digital technology.

While those involved in digital technology are in a position to spearhead new digital growth areas, the application of digital technology to traditional sectors would still very much be dictated by the experts in the respective non-digital industry fields.

After all, there is still a need for proper business models in order to ensure that projects are commercially viable. The digital technology, while important, acts only as an enabler to improving efficiency whereas the business of making money must still lie with the investors.

Tourism

Tuan Speaker, tourism is often envisaged as a panacea to cure all economic ills connected to growth. We imagine that by having tourists to come to Sarawak, the economy will suddenly light up and everybody will be happily serving the tourists and prosper.

There are many facets to tourism, both good and bad. We as Government must ensure that we develop the positive part of tourism while minimising the negative effects. For example, mass tourism destroys natural beauties through human heat, human feet and plastic waste. Mass tourism disrupts the life of closely-knit communities as they demand services from the host communities when, in fact, ultimately, most of the services will be provided by foreign workers.

Sarawak has the luxury of contemplating more tourism because our tourism industry is still very much in its infancy stage. We have many natural beauties in remote areas and we are keen to attract more visitors. A key element to the way for us in Sarawak to promote tourism is to brand it properly to the right market segment, and to price our tourism products properly.

Far too often, the Government spends good money on building infrastructure in remote areas only for these facilities to be under-priced as a result of poor packaging. Sarawak should place a premium on our exotic locations and world-class service. Sarawak should be properly branded in the global scene.

Businesses and Investors

Tuan Speaker, now I touch on the business and investors. While the Government has been introducing many initiatives to spearhead new directions for the economy, it is critical that the private sector is also fully engaged for it to come on board to drive the growth of the Sarawak economy.

Politicians and government servants can at best provide the direction and framework for the economy, but it is the private sector that must do all the hard work of getting things moving.

We must not pretend that, with the few government projects that we implement will do the economy good. What we spend in development expenditure is only a tiny fraction of the size of our economy of RM114 billion.

The key to the prosperity of the Sarawak economy is the involvement of the Sarawak entrepreneurs in investing in projects in Sarawak. My Government, GPS Government will step up our efforts in promoting entrepreneurship and investment among Sarawakians who are keen to develop and implement their projects.

Because we need all the local investments that we can get, I wish to emphasise that my Government will help all Sarawakians regardless of race. We must continue to close the gaps we have among our races and cooperate to work for Sarawak together.

State Administration and Security

Tuan Speaker, I would like to congratulate the State Civil Service for their dedication and commitment in discharging their responsibilities entrusted to them by the Government.

The implementation of State development projects and policies would not have been achieved without the effectiveness and efficiency of the State Civil Service at all levels.

I would also like to thank all the Enforcement and Security personnel for keeping order and safeguarding our State so that our people can live in peace and harmony. This exemplary action can be seen clearly from the peaceful conduct of the recent General Election, GE14.

Tuan Speaker, we are now living in a different environment and political landscape. I think these are exciting times. We shall work hard to ensure that Sarawak will continue to exert our rights and prosper.

We shall work hard to deliver to our people in the rural communities with basic infrastructure and well-being. We shall work hard to deliver to our people in the urban centres with investment and job opportunities.

We shall work closely together with the new Federal Government which promises to be fair and efficient. The Sarawak Government will consider providing allocation under Minor Rural Projects (MRP) to individual PH members, as a reciprocal allocation should the Federal Government provide similar allocation to GPS members.

We shall also work closely together among ourselves here in Sarawak, as we develop Gabungan Parti Sarawak, forging new alliances in the interests of Sarawak and for the benefit of all Sarawakians.

I therefore would like to announce that the Sarawak Government will also allocate a ceiling of RM1 million for each GPS ADUN for their respective constituencies to implement *Program Baik Pulih Rumah* under *Program Perumahan Rakyat Termiskin (PPRT)* in 2018.

Most of all, we shall continue to improve our policies and to run our government institutions professionally so that our economy is capable of creating good jobs, especially for our brightest and best.

Saya, Tuan Speaker mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Tuan Speaker yang telah mengendalikan persidangan Dewan Undangan Negeri dengan cemerlang.

Kepada Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, sama ada dari pihak Kerajaan ataupun pembangkang yang telah terlibat dalam perbahasan di persidangan kali ini, saya ingin mengucapkan syabas dan tahniah kepada Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat yang telah menunjukkan kematangan berpolitik yang tinggi dan berbahas dengan bernas dan tertib.

Ini merupakan satu perkembangan yang baru dan baik untuk kemajuan negeri kita yang mengamalkan sistem demokrasi.

Kepada seluruh rakyat Sarawak, saya ingin mengucapkan Selamat Hari Sarawak yang akan kita sambut pada 22 Julai 2018 dan semoga Negeri kita sentiasa aman, harmoni dan maju selama-lamanya.

Saya sudahi dengan ucapan Wabillahitaufik Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh dan terima kasih.

YB Encik Wong King Wei: Thank you Tuan Speaker, thank you Yang Amat Berhormat Chief Minister. I have been waiting for the answer of the LRT regarding LRT issue that has been raised but has not been answered by the Minister of Transport. I am expecting that Yang Amat Berhormat will be answering on the LRT issue.

Ketua Menteri, Menteri Kewangan dan Perancangan Ekonomi, Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli (YAB Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg): On what?

YB Encik Wong King Wei: LRT issue.

Ketua Menteri, Menteri Kewangan dan Perancangan Ekonomi, Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli (YAB Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg): The LRT Issue, we have been reviewing the LRT, the implementation part...Okay...ya

YB Encik Wong King Wei: Ya.

Tuan Speaker: It had been answered. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, I shall now call upon the Honourable Member for Beting Maro to wind up the Motion in appreciation to Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Address. Honourable Member for Beting Maro

YB Tuan Haji Razali bin Haji Gapor: Terima kasih Tuan Speaker. Sekali lagi saya berdiri dalam Dewan ini untuk menggulung perbahasan usul penghargaan di atas ucapan Tuan Yang Terutama di-Pertua Negeri. Bersyukur kita kerana persidangan selama lapan (8) hari ini telah berjalan dengan lancar dan teratur.

Ahli-ahli Dewan telah mengambil ketetapan untuk merakamkan ucapan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan dan terima kasih kepada Tuan Yang Terutama di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak di atas ucapan perasmian dalam sesi pembukaan Dewan pada 9 Julai 2018 yang lalu.

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat telah mengambil bahagian di dalam perbahasan yang sihat, matang dan memberi pelbagai maklumbalas, pendapat, teguran serta cadangan masing-masing dengan penuh berhemah dan bijaksana.

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat juga tidak ketinggalan untuk mengemukakan segala permasalahan dan keperluan di kawasan masing-masing untuk diberi perhatian dan tindakan segera Kerajaan Negeri dan Persekutuan.

Tuan Speaker, perbahasan persidangan kali ini berlangsung dalam suasana yang agak hangat dan lantang tetapi tegas dengan semangat tinggi selari dengan perubahan landskap politik di negara ini. Kesungguhan dan kepetahan wakil rakyat yang berdebat di dalam Dewan yang mulia ini mungkin tidak mencukupi kerana akhirnya rakyat akan menilai sendiri prestasi wakil rakyat dan Kerajaan dalam menyelesaikan masalah kritikal yang dihadapi oleh rakyat terutama berkaitan dengan bekalan air bersih dan kemudahan asas keperluan rakyat yang lain termasuk bekalan elektrik, jalan raya, sekolah daif, hospital, perumahan dan pembelaan ekonomi rakyat yang terpinggir.

Tuan Speaker, dalam masa yang sama persidangan kali ini telah melulus empat (4) rang undang-undang iaitu *Supplementary Supply, 2017, Bill 2018, Supplementary Supply 2018 Bill 2018, Oil Mining (Amendment) Bill, 2018 dan Land Code (Amendment) Bill, 2018*. Kejayaan Kerajaan membenteng *Land Code (Amendment) Bill, 2018* dalam persidangan kali ini bukan sahaja sebagai manifestasi kesungguhan Kerajaan untuk menyelesaikan isu kontroversi berkaitan dengan tanah adat tetapi melaksana amanah dan wasiat arwah Pehin Sri Tok Nan.

Tuan Speaker, Ahli-ahli dewan berpendapat sebagai tanda keikhlasan dan kepedulian Kerajaan kepada rakyat dalam soal tanah adat ini Kerajaan bukan sahaja disaran untuk mengadakan jelajah bertemu rakyat untuk memberi penjelasan tentang pindaan kanun tanah ini. Tetapi perlu bertindak menyukat dan mengeluarkan geran hak milik tanah kepada mana-mana kes yang jelas dan masih belum diselesaikan dengan kadar secepat mungkin sebelum pilihanraya negeri yang akan datang.

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat juga menyambut baik tindakan Kerajaan menubuh Gabungan Parti Sarawak sebagai platform untuk terus berjuang menuntut hak-hak Sarawak seperti termaktub dalam Perjanjian Malaysia 1963. Sudah tiba masanya kepimpinan anak jati Sarawak menentukan destinasi masa depan negeri kita sendiri tanpa terikat dengan mana-mana pihak luar. Dalam masa yang sama, kesetiaan masyarakat luar bandar terhadap Kerajaan GPS mesti diberi perhatian sewajarnya jika tidak parti-parti pembangkang dalam negeri ini akan mengambil kesempatan dan ini sudah tentu akan memberi kesan kepada pilihanraya negeri akan datang.

Rakyat telah menghantar isyarat yang jelas dan tegas dalam PRU14. Wakil rakyat dan Kerajaan bukan setakat perlu dilihat perihatin tetapi hendaklah menunjuk kepedulian tinggi dengan tindakan serius bagi menyelesaikan keperluan rakyat dengan kadar yang segera. Kerajaan disifatkan telah gagal membangun dan membela rakyat jika kemudahan kritikal seperti ini tidak disediakan.

PRU14 pada 9 Mei 2018 yang lalu, melakar sejarah negara. Tahniah kepada Pakatan Harapan kerana berjaya membentuk Kerajaan persekutuan yang baru. Rakyat mengharap Kerajaan Persekutuan yang dipilih terus melaksana pembangunan di Sarawak demi kesejahteraan rakyat.

Tuan Speaker, setinggi-tinggi penghargaan diucapkan kepada semua Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat yang telah mengambil bahagian dalam sesi perbahasan. Saya juga mengucapkan kepada barisan Menteri-menteri yang diketuai oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri kerana telah memberitahu hala tuju, dasar dan maklumat-maklumat terkini Kerajaan dan Kementerian masing-masing disamping telah memberikan jawapan dan respon yang baik terhadap segala isu-isu dan permasalahan yang ditimbulkan oleh Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat.

Saya juga ingin mengucapkan tahniah kepada Tuan Speaker dan Timbalan Speaker kerana telah berjaya mengendalikan sesi sidang kali ini dengan cemerlang. Tahniah juga diucapkan kepada Yang Berhormat Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri, Setiausaha Kerajaan Persekutuan, Ketua-ketua Jabatan dan penjawat-penjawat awam serta semua petugas dan kakitangan Dewan yang telah bertugas dengan gigih dan tekun untuk menjayakan persidangan kita pada kali ini.

Selamat menyambut Hari Raya Haji dan Selamat Menyambut Hari Sarawak kepada semua rakyat Sarawak. Semoga sambutan Hari Sarawak ini akan membawa kesejahteraan dan kemakmuran kepada kita semua dan negeri Sarawak yang tercinta.

Saya akhiri ucapan ini dengan dua (2) rangkap pantun.

Hijau menguning padi di sawah,
Tunduk berisi bagai nak rebah,
Pendirian kukuh tidak goyah,
Menghadap cabaran tidak gelabah.

Panglima Rentap pahlawan bersejarah,
Rosli Dhobi pejuang kemerdekaan sejati,
Bahas sudah penggulangan pun sudah,
Persidangan budget berjumpa nanti.

Dengan ini, Tuan Speaker, saya mohon agar usul penghargaan ke atas ucapan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak semasa persidangan Dewan Undangan Negeri kali ini diluluskan. Saya mohon mencadang.

Terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Tamin to second.

YB Ir Christopher Gira Anak Sambang: Tuan Speaker, I beg to second.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

(Tuan Pengerusi mempengerusikan mesyuarat)

Tuan Pengerusi: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the question is that the Motion in the name of the Honourable Member for Beting Maro in appreciation of the Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri's address be approved. As many as are of the opinion say "Yes".

Government: Yes...(Resounding "Yes")

Tuan Pengerusi: As many as are of the contrary opinion say "No".

Opposition: No.... (Murmuring “No”)

Tuan Pengerusi: The “Yes” have it. The Motion is approved.

USUL PENANGGUHAN

Menteri Muda Kerajaan Tempatan Sarawak (YB Datu Dr Penguang Manggil): Terima kasih Tuan Speaker. Selamat petang and salam sejahtera. I rise to move a motion of adjournment for the first meeting of the Third Session of the Eighteenth Dewan Undangan Negeri, which took place from the 9th to 18th July 2018.

I wish to begin by registering my utmost gratitude and congratulations to Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud for his invaluable advices in His Excellency’s address during the opening of the first meeting of the Eighteenth State Legislative Assembly in this august House on 9th July 2018.

I would also like to congratulate the State Government ably lead by the Right Honourable Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Hj Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Abang Hj Openg, and the Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Ali Hasan for tabling the Oil Mining (Amendment) Bill, 2018, and the Honourable Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas for the tabling the Land Code (Amendment) Bill, 2018, amid all the controversies and dissatisfactions among a minority segment of our society.

Tuan Speaker, this sitting of the Dewan Undangan Negeri will go down well in the history of our State Legislative Assembly as we sat for the first time after PRU-14 as an opposition State in the Federation of Malaysia, after Pakatan Harapan to Okay over the helm in Putrajaya.

Moving forward, I would like to salute all Honourable Members of this august House for their commitment and participation in the debate on his Excellency’s address as well as for their quality inputs, comments and critiques throughout the sitting.

I would also like to applaud the general good decorum, behavior even though at times the session was a bit rowdy and maturity displayed by all Honourable Members, which was very hard to come by during the previous sittings. This is indeed a positive development and would augur well for this Honourable Institution.

On another note, I would like to remind the Honourable Members from Pakatan Harapan to play their dual roles as an opposition in the State Legislative Assembly and as the ruling government in the Federal Parliament with full commitment and dignity in unifying the rakyat, and maintaining peace and harmony rather than instigating the masses to oppose whatever the State Government has done, is doing and will continue to do, and should not be trapped in a mind that promotes factions among political divides and among the different racial groups in the State.

They should be mindful that it is their sacred duty as the ruling government to maintain peace, unity and harmony if Malaysia is to continue to progress alongside the other developed nations in this part of the world.

I would also like to strongly remind the Honorable Members from Pakatan Harapan to stay put, *jangan lari yah*, to walk their talk, and fulfill their election promises, in returning Sarawak’s rights, reducing cost of livings, giving free motorcycle licence and the list will go on as per their election manifesto, and Buku Harapan which have been very well publicised.

Tuan Speaker, as we all aware, Sarawak is a huge territory representing more than a third of the whole landsize of the Federation of Malaysia with more than 30 ethnic groups with different socio-economic and religious backgrounds that have yet to enjoy the kind of livelihood that is being experienced by our counterparts in Peninsular Malaysia. In this regard, I could not agree more with the call by the Tuan Yang Terutama in his Excellency's address, in calling for the State Government to focus on implementing more both physical and ICT infrastructure projects to connect the rural areas with the towns and cities in Sarawak and the world, provisions of treated water and power supply as well as in enhancing the rural economy in order to narrow the socio-economic disparity between the urban and the rural folks.

His Excellency's call has always been and will continue to be addressed by the Right Honourable Chief Minister as evidenced by the setting up of a number of rural based-development agencies such as the Upper Rejang Development Authority, Highland Development Authority and the Northern Development Authority as well as the rural biased development budgets which has tabled in this august House during the last few DUN sittings.

Tuan Speaker, it is only right and just that, I must commend our Right Honourable Chief Minister for his untiring efforts in persistently pursuing the Devolution of Power, which was initiated by the late Pehin Sri Haji Adenan bin Haji Satem, to fight and to continue to fight to restore back our rights which had been eroded over the years either intentionally or inadvertently and/or to resolve the unfulfilled rights as enshrined in the Malaysian Agreement 1963, the Inter-governmental Committee Reports and the Malaysian Constitution.

The setting up of PETROS, Development Bank of Sarawak (DBOS), as well as the enactment of the Sarawak Multimedia Authority Ordinance, Distribution of Gas Ordinance 2018 and the Oil Mining (Amendment) Bill, 2018 among others, are all the obvious testaments of his continuous quest and serious commitment in restoring our rights which was lost as equal partners in the formation of the Federation of Malaysia. This however, must not be misconstrued that Sarawak wants to leave the Federation, as such decision will not be the ultimate solution to resolve the existing anomalies.

Under the leadership of the Right Honourable Chief Minister, I place high hope, and I am extremely confident that these anomalies will be resolved through the proper platform or forum.

Tuan Speaker, all Honourable Members of this august House here are representing their respective constituencies. Whether they are from GPS or PH, we are here with a common goal, that is, to serve the rakyat. It is therefore, incumbent upon us to educate the rakyat and to feed them with the correct information, and the noble intentions of the Government of the day in introducing new policies and legislation in order to enhance the livelihood of the people. The tabling of the Land Code (Amendment) Bill, 2018 is one clear example of complete disinformation by the Honourable Members from Pakatan Harapan and certain NGOs which is deliberately intended to deceive the rakyat into believing that by introducing the said Bill, the Dayaks will lose their NCR land and etc.

The situation was made worst when they have already made their verdicts through street protests, press conferences and social media, condemning the Honourable Deputy Chief Minister and the State Government, even well before the Honourable Deputy Chief Minister has the opportunity to explain the contentions of the Bills in this august House.

This is indeed unbecoming of those Honourable Members of this highly respected Institution to do such an irresponsible act for their own personal or political agenda.

Tuan Speaker, PRU-14 has created another history in the Malaysian politics. We are still in a state of shock when the then Barisan Nasional Government failed to secure the required seats to retain Putrajaya in the recently concluded PRU14. It was indeed a wake up call that we should not take things for granted and that, most importantly, it reminds us of the supreme powers of the peoples in deciding the kind of leadership they want and the future of this country.

The formation of GPS (Gabungan Parti Sarawak) comprising of All Sarawak-Based Parties, I repeat, All Sarawak-Based Parties during the aftermath of PRU14, lead by the Right Honourable Chief Minister, was indeed the most appropriate move, taking into consideration the best interest of the State and its people, the prevailing political landscape, the wants and the aspirations of the people of Sarawak, as only Sarawakian knows exactly what they want.

Moving forward, the GPS must take stock of what and where have we gone wrong. We must pull our resources together, reorganise ourselves and if necessary, rebrand, transform and change the way we conduct our business to meet the aspirations of the educated and well read younger generation and industries 4.0, in order to avail ourselves to remain relevant.

I must reiterate that GPS is the best platform for us to stand united, without being answerable to our bigger brother in Peninsular Malaysia and to fight for our right in the context of the MA1963, IGCR (Inter-Governmental Committee Report) and the Malaysian Constitution. GPS is the most fitting vehicle for us Sarawakians (not someone else) to determine and shape our own future or destiny without fear and favour.

Tuan Speaker, on another note and under the existing political scenario where 12 Honourable members from PH Sarawak are members of the ruling party in the Malaysian Parliament, it is my firm believe that, if they were true to their spirit of being Sarawakians, this symbiotic co-existence together with the GPS State Government should augur well for Sarawak, especially in its endeavour to fight for our rights and in securing more funding in the true spirit of developing Sarawak.

Henceforth, I wish to call on all Members o this august House as well as all Sarawakians out there, regardless of their political devides, to work hand in hand for sake of the people of Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, last but not least, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the State and Federal Secretary and all their able staff for their continuous support and untiring efforts in ensuring good governance and timely service delivery to the people of Sarawak.

I would also like to thank and congratulate your goodself Datuk Amar and your team for the excellent job in ensuring the smooth running of the proceedings throughout the DUN session.

Lastly, I wish all Sarawakians "Selamat Menyambut Hari Sarawak" on July 22nd, 2018.

Tuan Speaker, on this note I beg to move.

Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Alhamdulillah. Persidangan yang berlangsung selama 8 hari ini telah berjalan dengan lancar dan teratur walaupun ada kalanya berlaku sedikit pertikaman lidah ketika perdebatan berlangsung. Berkat kerjasama Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, suasana begini telah dapat diatasi demi menjaga ketinggian dan kemuliaan Dewan yang mulia ini.

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat telah menunjukkan semangat yang sungguh memberansangkan untuk memberi khidmat yang terbaik kepada rakyat dan Negeri. Kejayaan urusan persidangan ini adalah hasil sokongan bersama dan komitmen semua pihak Kementerian, Jabatan, dan Agensi Kerajaan. Saya berharap agar kerjasama seumpama ini akan terus terjalin, kukuh dan dipertingkatkan.

Bagi pihak Dewan yang mulia ini, saya ingin mengucapkan berbanyak-banyak terima kasih kepada Yang Berhormat Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri, Yang Arif Peguam Besar Negeri, Yang Berbahagia Setiausaha Kewangan Negeri, Yang Berbahagia Setiausaha Persekutuan, Yang Berbahagia Timbalan-Timbalan Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri, semua Setiausaha Tetap Kementerian, Semua Ketua Jabatan dan Agensi Kerajaan, para pegawai dan petugas khas, pihak media dan semua pihak yang telah bertungkus-lumus dalam menjalankan persidangan kali ini.

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, kita telah sampai ke penghujung Mesyuarat Pertama bagi Penggal Ketiga Dewan Undangan Negeri ke Lapanbelas. Bagi pihak Dewan yang mulia ini juga, saya ingin mengucapkan selamat menyambut hari kemerdekaan Sarawak 2018, selamat hari raya aidiladha, dan selamat menyambut hari kebangsaan. Saya berdoa agar Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat dan sekalian yang hadir selamat kembali ke destinasi masing-masing dan terus memberi perkhidmatan terbaik untuk rakyat jelata.

Saya akhiri sidang Dewan pada kali ini dengan empat (4) rangkap pantun:

*Keris disambar sarung disisi,
Tajam berkilau tidak terperi,
Perbahasan ADUN didengar pasti,
Jawapan Menteri sudah diberi.*

*Handal sungguh pendekar perang,
Silat diatur langkah permulaan,
Dilulus empat rang undang-undang,
Hak rakyat menjadi keutamaan.*

*Sarang ular sarang tebuan,
Dicucuk jangan, dijolOkay pun jangan,
YB melangkah balik ke kawasan,
Bakti ditabur khidmat berpanjangan.*

*Sirih sekapur tanda penyudah,
Tersusun rapi di dalam cepa,
Mesyuarat Pertama selesai sudah,
Persidangan Bajet kita berjumpa.*

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, with that, the House is now adjourned. "Sine die".

[Mesyuarat ditangguh pada jam 1:31 petang]