

**MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY****Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 08 November 2005****Questions addressed to Dr the Honourable Prime Minister,  
Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service &  
Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands**

I B/424 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-*

**Whether, in regard to cases of aggression on people using Automatic Teller Machines (ATM) for banking transactions, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number thereof reported since 01 July 2005 and the number of arrests effected in connection therewith and (b) the remedial measures being taken by the Police?**

I B/425 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-*

**Whether he will state if the Joint Committee of Muslim Priests and Ulemas and the Muslim Family Council in regard to the issue of Muslim Personal Law is still in operation and, if so, will he state how many times the Committee met since July 2005?**

I B/426 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-*

**Whether he is aware of the difficulties encountered by people in accessing the services of the Civil Status Officer of Quatre Bornes during weekends for the obtention of a death certificate?**

I B/427 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-*

**Whether, in regard to the Trade Commissioner, Mr Peter Craig, he will state (a) his date of appointment (b) if there has been any adverse report against him and (c) the date of his dismissal and the reasons thereof?**

I B/428 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-*

**Whether, in regard to the Set Top Boxes for the free TV Channels, he will state if same are now available on the local market and, if so, will he give the names of the importers?**

**Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than  
Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home  
Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister  
of Rodrigues & Outer Islands**

I B/429      The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-*

**Whether he is aware that the inhabitants of Circonstance, St Pierre, L'Avenir, Alma, Bonne Veinne, Quartier Militaire, Vuillemin, Providence and other regions in the vicinity thereof are not being provided with a regular water supply and, if so, will he state what remedial measures he proposes to take?**

I B/430      The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

*To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice & Human Rights:-*

**Whether he is aware that the roof of the Moka District Court is leaking and is in a derelict state and, if so, will he state what remedial measures are envisaged?**

I B/431      The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-*

**Whether he is aware that the football ground at l'Espérance, Quartier Militaire is in an abandoned state and, if so, will he state what remedial measures are envisaged?**

I B/432 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-*

**Whether he will state the measures, if any, that are being taken to encourage entrepreneurship in the agro-business sector amongst small and medium entrepreneurs?**

I B/433 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life:-*

**Whether, in regard to the Cardiac Centre at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam National Hospital, he will state the number of (a) coronary angiographies and open-heart surgeries performed respectively since July 2005 and (b) patients on the waiting list before and after July 2005?**

I B/434 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-*

**Whether he is aware that taxis based at various hotels in the eastern region are unduly disadvantaged by taxis based in other regions and which work for other operators in the tourism sector and, if so, will he state what remedial measures will be taken?**

I B/435 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Bundhoo)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-*

**Whether, in regard to spare parts purchased during the last five years by the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board the value**

**(a) thereof (b) of the stock as at the end of July 2005 and (c) of the items which are now obsolete?**

I B/436 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Bundhoo)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-*

**Whether, in regard to the Systems Application Project (SAP) acquired by the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board (a) the amount disbursed therefor and (b) whether appropriate training has been given to the end users?**

I B/437 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Bundhoo)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-*

**Whether he is aware of the bad state of the road adjacent to the Mosque and leading to the market fair in the village of Camp de Masque Pavé in the Constituency of Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East and, if so, will he state when the road will be tarred and a proper water drainage system provided thereat?**

I B/438 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Bundhoo)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-*

**Whether he is aware of the poor state of the volleyball pitch adjacent to the village hall of Montagne Blanche and, if so, will he state if appropriate works would be carried out to upgrade the pitch and to provide for proper lighting and for an adequate drainage system?**

I B/439 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Guttee)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life:-*

**Whether he is aware that the area health centre of Goodlands is unable to cater for the needs of the inhabitants thereof and, if so, will he state if he proposes to have it replaced by a medi-clinic?**

I B/440 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Guttee)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources:-*

**Whether he is aware that the toilets of the Doorgachand Hurry Government School situated at Goodlands is in a deplorable state and, if so, will he state what remedial measures are envisaged?**

I B/441 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-*

**Whether, in regard to the village of Trois Boutiques in the Constituency of Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien, he is aware of a long-standing request for a *parcours de santé* and, if so, will he state what steps he proposes to take in relation thereto?**

I B/442 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-*

**Whether he is aware of the bad state of the road adjacent to *La Grotte* in the village of Malakoff in the Constituency of Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien and, if so, will he consider the advisability of having it tarred?**

I B/443 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-*

**Whether he is aware of the deplorable state of the Village Council Hall in the village of Trois Boutiques in the Constituency of Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien and, if so, when the hall will be renovated?**

I B/444 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-*

**Whether he will state if it is proposed to renovate the football ground in the village of Plaine Magnien and, if so, when and, if not, why not?**

I B/445 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources:-*

**Whether he will state if, in the wake of reforms in the education sector and following recommendation No. 17 of the last Pay Research Bureau Report, he will consider the advisability of creating a grade of Dean to inculcate a new work culture in secondary schools and, if so, when and, if not, why not?**

I B/446 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-*

**Whether he will state if the National Development Unit proposes to undertake the resurfacing of the following lanes situated at Camp Caval, Curepipe, namely, Kestrel Lane, Combes Lane, Bowen Lane and Reservoir Lane,**

**once the laying of pipes by the Central Water Authority is completed?**

I B/447 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Senior Citizens Welfare & Reform Institutions:-*

**Whether she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the NATReSA, the reasons for the dismissal of Mr C. R. from the National Prevention Unit?**

I B/448 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-*

**Whether he is aware that vehicles travel at high speed between the roundabout at Rivière des Galets and St Félix and, if so, will he state what remedial measures will be taken, especially for the safety of children attending the pre-primary school in the vicinity?**

I B/449 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-*

**Whether, in regard to small planters who were previously occupying land on which the Voile d'Or Hotel has been erected in the context of the Master Plan for the development of the Bel Ombre region, he will state (a) the number thereof (b) the number which has been relocated (c) whether a new lease has been granted to them by the Bel Ombre Sugar Estate and (d) the area of the land now being occupied by each of the planters?**

I B/450 The Honourable Fourth Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Sayed-Hossen)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources:-*

**Whether, in regard to the award of scholarships to secondary school leavers, he will consider the advisability of awarding same directly on the basis of the results obtained at the HSC examinations instead of having recourse to interviews?**

I B/451 The Honourable Fourth Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Sayed-Hossen)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-*

**Whether, in regard to the grant for casting of slabs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the NHDC, information as to when the qualifying limit of 150m<sup>2</sup> for the grant was introduced and whether applications made before that date are treated according to the new regulation?**

I B/452 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources:-*

**Whether he will state if he has received any complaints from the Parent Teachers Association of the ZEP school of Cité La Cure regarding mismanagement and misconduct of the staff and, if so, will he state what remedial measures are envisaged?**

I B/453 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Speville)

*To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-*

**Whether, in regard to the Cotton Bay Hotel in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation, information as to whether the Corporation which holds 28.5 per cent of the shares has any say in the management of the hotel and, if so, will he give details thereof?**

I B/454 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Speville)

*To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-*

**Whether, in regard to the Cotton Bay Hotel in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation, information as to whether a vacancy for the post of General Manager of the hotel was advertised around April 2000 and, if so, the name of the agency/company to which the recruitment exercise was entrusted, the amount paid and the outcome of the exercise?**

I B/455 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Speville)

*To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications:-*

**Whether, in regard to flights to and from Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Air Mauritius Ltd., information as to whether (a) a fee of Rs 500 is charged for any postponement in the flight details of a passenger and, if so, the reasons therefor (b) fuel tax is included in the price of an air ticket and, if so, the percentage it represents and (c) a transfer fee of Rs 500 is payable by all passengers travelling to Rodrigues via mainland Mauritius and by Rodriguans travelling overseas via mainland Mauritius?**

I B/456 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Speville)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunications:-*

**Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Mauritius Telecom, (a) the reasons as to why (i) users of the GSM-Cell-OH cards do not have access to full SMS service in mainland Mauritius and (ii) such prepaid cards are not sold in mainland Mauritius and (b) state what remedial measures are envisaged?**

I B/457 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Senior Citizens Welfare & Reform Institutions:-*

**Whether she will state if the National Prevention Unit with the collaboration of the *Forces Vives* of Plaine Verte organized the event '*Anu diboute pou nou l'endroit*' over a period of three days at the Plaine Verte Garden and, if so, will she give details thereof?**

I B/458 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-*

**Whether, in regard to the forthcoming village council elections, he will consider the advisability of defining a new village council area for the village of 16ème Mille, Forest Side?**

I B/459 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

*To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice & Human Rights:-*

**Whether he will state if it is proposed to introduce the system of '*Juge d'Instruction*' in our accusatorial criminal**

**justice system and, if so, whether a *Code d'Instruction Criminelle* is under preparation to that effect?**

I B/460 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill  
(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

*To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice & Human Rights:-*

**Whether he will consider the advisability of introducing in our legislation, measures whereby sexual offences involving senior citizens and physically and mentally disabled persons as victims, be dealt with expeditiously by our judicial system?**

I B/461 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-*

**Whether he will consider the advisability of having a pedestrian pathway constructed for the benefit of the residents of Ebène so that they can access the nearby supermarket without having to make lengthy *detours* around the new morcellement?**

I B/462 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-*

**Whether, in regard to the building 'The Gateway' situated at the corner of St Jean Road and Surat Avenue, Quatre Bornes, he will state what action has been taken so far following the notice for demolition of part of the structure, issued by the Municipality of Quatre Bornes?**

I B/463 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

*To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice & Human Rights:-*

**Whether, in regard to civil cases pending before the courts, he will state (a) the number thereof (b) the date of their lodging before the respective courts and (c) the reasons for the delay in their disposal?**

I B/464 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

*To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-*

**Whether, in regard to field officers employed by the Trust Fund for the Social Integration of Vulnerable Groups, he will state (a) the date of their appointment (b) the number thereof who have recently been laid off and (c) the reasons for their dismissal?**

I B/465 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources:-*

**Whether, in regard to the CPE Examinations 2005, he is aware that there have been mistakes in the Hindi Paper and, if so, will he state if an inquiry has been carried out in connection therewith and, if so, the outcome thereof?**

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