

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 25 October 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/378 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, the number of cases of police brutality reported against SP P. R. and his team, indicating the action, if any, taken in each case?

I B/379 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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 any Member of the Government attended the third anniversary celebrations of the autonomy of Rodrigues and, if not, why not?

I B/380 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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 Committee set up to look into the democratization process of the economy, he will state (a) when it was set up (b) its composition (c) its terms of reference (d) the number of times it has met todate and (e) when its work is likely to be completed?

I B/381 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number of hold-ups that have taken place since 01 July 2005 todate (b) the number of arrests effected in connection therewith and (c) the progress of the inquiries undertaken thereinto?

I B/382 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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 cassette containing evidence in the case of Police v/s Mr V. B., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to whether it has been tampered with and, if so, will he make a statement thereon and, if not, will he ascertain if same has been produced in the court proceedings?

I B/383 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

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 make arrangements with a view to having the newly elected municipal councillors to disclose their respective total assets?

**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/384 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether, in regard to the South Eastern Highway Project, he will state if (a) an alternative route has been identified (b) the agreement of the African Development Bank in relation thereto has been obtained and (c) a new tender exercise for its construction will have to be carried out?

I B/385 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Industry, Small & Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Co-operatives:-

Whether he will state if, on 05 September 2005, the Top Shop Supermarket of Mont Ida was booked for selling the Red Cow Milk at Rs 115 instead of Rs 99.80 and, if so, will he state what action has been taken in that matter?

I B/386 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Industry, Small & Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Co-operatives:-

Whether he will state if the recent 25 per cent increase in the sale price of the LPG gas of 50 kgs cylinder is the result of a decision of the State Trading Corporation?

I B/387 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to generic medicines, he will state (a) the availability thereof in local pharmacies and (b) if he proposes to arrange for the law to be amended with a view to allowing pharmacists to swap prescribed medicines against generic medicines?

I B/388 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will state if he proposes to introduce a municipal police and, if so, will he give details of the project?

I B/389 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the prevocational intake for January 2006, he will state if his Ministry has made a forecast of the number of seats which will be needed?

I B/390 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to foreign medical practitioners presently under contract, he will table a list thereof, indicating the date of expiry of the contract in each case?

I B/391 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to violation of human rights, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Human Rights Commission, information as to (a) the number of reported cases since 01 July 2005 (b) the number thereof that are related to Police brutality and (c) the remedial action, if any, that has been initiated?

I B/392 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the SSR Botanic Garden, Pamplemousses, he is aware that (a) there is an increasing number of illegal tourist guides operating thereat and (b) the toilet thereat is in a deplorable state and, if so, will he state whether his Ministry will initiate action to remedy the situation?

I B/393 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the South Eastern Highway Project, he will state what has been the outcome of the

discussions held recently with the representatives of the African Development Bank?

I B/394 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the South Eastern Highway Project, he will state if an alternative route has been identified and, if so, whether tender procedures for its construction have been launched?

I B/395 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to properties in housing estates/*cités*, he will state when the title of the leaseholders will be converted into a freehold one with a view to enabling the residents thereof to become the owners of their respective properties?

I B/396 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, having regard to the construction of playgrounds at Queen Elizabeth II and at SSR Botanic Garden and belonging to the Municipal Council of Curepipe, he will indicate the purchase prices of each of the two “Toboggans” installed thereat?

I B/397 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, having regard to item 13 relating to complexion in the Competency Test Board Form, he will state (a) the reason for which it has been included therein and (b) whether he will consider the advisability of having it deleted?

I B/398 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether, in regard to CT Scans in public hospitals, he will state the number thereof installed prior to the year 2000 and during the period 2000 to 2005?

I B/399 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether, in regard to the ZEP schools, he will state if there is a new policy and, if so, will he give details thereof?

I B/400 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether he has been made aware that public transport between Rivière des Anguilles and Batimara is not available after 6.00 p.m. and, if so, will he state what remedial measures are envisaged?

I B/401 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he has been made aware of the constant difficulties being encountered by the inhabitants of Vallée des Prêtres, Long Mountain and other areas in the region in regard to the domestic water supply and, if so, will he state what urgent remedial measures he proposes to take to provide the inhabitants with a regular water supply?

I B/402 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

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

Whether she will state Government policy regarding the welfare and protection of the elderly citizens?

I B/403 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

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

Whether she will state if the Senior Citizen Council Board has been reconstituted and, if so, will she give its composition?

I B/404 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the allocation of State land in Constituency No. 4 from January 2004 to June 2005, he will (a) table the list of beneficiaries, indicating where the plots of land are situated and (b) the reasons for their allocation?

I B/405 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Husnoo)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of setting up a Miscarriage of Justice Tribunal which will enable, if credible evidence is obtained at a later stage following appeal time, to reopen any case?

I B/406 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Husnoo)

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

Whether he will consider adopting the policy of State compensation to those who have been wrongly arrested and imprisoned, following trumped up charges?

I B/407 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 Petit Bel Air Village Hall in Constituency No. 12 and, if so, will he state what remedial measures are envisaged?

I B/408 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he is aware that there is a serious risk of flooding along Wan Sek Law and Joseph Streets in Grand Bel Air, Mahebourg and, if so, will he state what remedial measures are envisaged?

I B/409 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he is aware that many inhabitants of Camp Carol in Constituency No. 12 do not have title deeds for the land on which they have built their houses and, if so, will he state what remedial measures are envisaged?

I B/410 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 that the inhabitants of Plein Bois in Constituency No. 12 have been requesting for a football ground since a long time and, if so, will he consider the request as a priority?

I B/411 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Bundhoo)

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

Whether, in regard to migratory birds which land in our estuary, he will state if any examination is being carried out in order to prevent the transmission of the pathogenic virus causing bird flu?

I B/412 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 that the Sebastopol Village Hall shows serious cracks and fissures and, if so, will he state if its pulling down is contemplated and if it is proposed to construct thereat a multipurpose complex to house, *inter alia*, the village hall, a women centre, a senior citizen

centre, a computer room, a public library and a gymnasium?

I B/413 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 that the cremation ground which is being used by the inhabitants of Pellegrin, Sebastopol and Clavet is in a derelict state and, if so, will he state if it is proposed to carry out appropriate reconstruction works?

I B/414 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether he will state if Government intends to amend the Reform Institutions Act with a view to restoring the eligibility of a certain class of prisoners to remission and, if so, when and indicate the number of detainees who will benefit from same?

I B/415 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the construction of the Rivière du Rempart market fair, he will state where matters stand?

I B/416 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

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

I B/417 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether he is aware that workers retired under the Voluntary Retiring Scheme and who feel aggrieved as far as the computation of their benefits is concerned have to apply to the Supreme Court for redress and, if so, whether he will consider the advisability of bringing about appropriate amendments to relevant legislation so that these workers obtain speedier redress and at lesser costs?

I B/418 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether, having regard to the propagation of the Avian Influenza in various countries, also known as bird flu, he will state (a) the appropriate measures taken to date and (b) if there is any shortage of the antiviral drug Tamiflu in the private and public sectors and, if so, will he state why, and indicate what remedial measures are envisaged?

I B/419 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether, following the recent increase in the price of petrol, he will state if any consideration has been given to increasing the monthly allowance which is being paid to bus owners as subsidy under the free transport scheme for old aged pensioners and students?

I B/420 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Industry, Small & Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Co-operatives:-

Whether he will state if there will be an increase in the selling price of bread and, if so, when and by how much?

I B/421 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, ascertain if the contracts of the following persons have been terminated and, if so, will he state when and why (a) Mr R. G. as the national coach (b) Mr N. R. as the adviser for wrestling and (c) Mr P. R. as adviser for football?

I B/422 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Rucktooa)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipality of Quatre Bornes, information as to whether it had last year bought artificial anatomical organs and, if so, will he further ascertain (a) the procedures that have been followed for the purchase thereof (b) the amount spent thereon (c) who negotiated the purchase and (d) the use made of these items?

I B/423 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Rucktooa)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipality of Quatre Bornes, information as to whether the official car of the ex-Mayor of the Municipality of Quatre Bornes has been totally damaged and, if so, will he ascertain when and the circumstances thereof?

B. Dwarka
for Clerk of the National Assembly

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Not Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 25 October 2005

I A/8 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of cleaning and embellishing the river known as Bassin Loulou at St Julien d'Hotman and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B. Dwarka
for Clerk of the National Assembly

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