WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

STC - PETROLEUM PRODUCTS - LOSS INCURRED

(No. B/385) Mr R. Uteem (Second Member for Port Louis South & Port Louis Central) asked the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection whether, in regard to petroleum products, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the amount of loss incurred due to discrepancies in the quantities thereof found on the vessel, prior to discharge and after delivery to the tanks, since 2005 to date.

Reply: I wish to inform the House that I have been apprised by the State Trading Corporation that the volatility of petroleum products is a natural process. Furthermore, discrepancies attributable to volatility occur in volume when petroleum products are transported over distances, transferred from tanker to on-shore fuel tanks via pipelines. Moreover, discrepancies in volume also occur due to changes in temperature.

In fact according to international norms, it is the practice to allow for a variation of 0.5% due to evaporation, leakage, spillage, ocean loss or temperature.

Petroleum products can either be purchased either CIF or FOB basis. In case purchase of petroleum products is effected on CIF basis and discrepancy in volume is above the allowed 0.5%, payment is made on the quantity that is actually being discharged. However, if the discrepancy is less than 0.5% between the
quantities found at loading and discharge ports, payment is effected on BL quantity.

In case purchase of the petroleum products is effected on an FOB basis, the terms of payment are on the BL quantity, irrespective of the quantity at unloading port.

International accredited surveyors mutually acceptable by both the buyer and the seller are engaged to carry out surveys at the loading port, on vessels and at the discharge port. The survey reports issued by the surveyors are deemed final, conclusive and binding on all parties.

I am informed by the State Trading Corporation that from 2005 to July 2007, the Corporation was purchasing petroleum products on CIF basis where insurance was provided by the supplier. However, as from August 2007 to date, the Corporation has been purchasing petroleum products on an FOB basis. As such, the State Trading Corporation contracts its own insurance. The coverage begins at the moment of exit of the check valve of the storage tanks at the loading port (that is, Mangalore) until entry to the check valve of the tanks at final destination (that is, Port-Louis). The insurance covers all risks, including contamination, shortage/leakage in excess of 0.5% between quantities found at loading and discharge ports.

I am informed by the State Trading Corporation that -

(a) In 2005, the Corporation received 45 vessels with 1,036,701 MT of petroleum products on board prior to discharge. Quantities delivered into shore tanks were 1,035,075 MT. Discrepancy was 1,626 MT, representing 0.157% of total volume.
(b) In 2006, it received 35 vessels with 947,404 MT of petroleum products on board prior to discharge. Quantities delivered after into shore tanks were 945,456 MT. Discrepancy was 1,948 MT, representing 0.206% of total volume.

(c) In 2007, 33 vessels were received with 1,005,735 MT of petroleum products on board prior to discharge. Quantities delivered into shore tanks were 1,005,139 MT. Discrepancy was 596 MT, representing 0.059% of total volume.

(d) In 2008, the Corporation received 30 vessels with 998,577 MT of petroleum products on board prior to discharge. Quantities delivered into shore tanks were 997,165 MT. Discrepancy was 1,412 MT, representing 0.141% of total volume.

(e) In 2009, it received 30 vessels with 1,028,327 MT of petroleum products on board prior to discharge. Quantities delivered into shore tanks were 1,026,594 MT. Discrepancy was 1,733 MT, representing 0.169% of total volume.

(f) In 2010, STC has received 30 vessels with 1,047,921 MT of petroleum products on board prior to discharge. Quantities delivered into shore tanks were 1,045,280 MT. Discrepancy was 2,641 MT, representing 0.252% of total volume, and

(g) In 2011, STC has received 26 vessels (MT Red Eagle entered into operations as from May 2011 carrying both white and black oils) with 1,148,865 MT of petroleum products on board prior to discharge. Quantities delivered into shore tanks were 1,147,492 MT. Discrepancy was 1,373 MT, representing 0.120% of total volume.
As regards 2012 up to end May, I am further informed that the State Trading Corporation received 9 vessels with 484,557 MT of petroleum products on board prior to discharge. Quantities delivered into shore tanks were 485,433 MT. Discrepancy was 876 MT, representing 0.181% of total volume.

AGALEGA - AIRSTRIP - UPGRADEING

(No. B/386) Mr A. Ameer Meea (First Member for Port Louis Maritime & Port Louis East) asked the Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands whether, in regard to the proposed upgrading of the airstrip at Agalega, he will state where matters stand, indicating the -

(a) estimated cost thereof;
(b) scope of works, and
(c) expected start and completion dates thereof.

(Withdrawn)

AAPRAVASI GHAT WORLD HERITAGE SITE - BUFFER ZONE

(No. B/387) Mr A. Ameer Meea (First Member for Port Louis Maritime & Port Louis East) asked the Minister of Housing and Lands whether, in regard to the buffer zone of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site, he will state if the claims made by the shop owners in the vicinity thereof have been paid and, if so, give a list thereof, indicating the -

(a) names of the occupiers;
(b) locations, and
(c) value thereof.

Reply: Following the inscription of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage site on the World Heritage list in July 2006, 49 claims from shop owners and others in
the vicinity thereof have been made within the prescribed time limit. In respect of certain properties, my Ministry is in the presence of more than one claim. The claims are being examined at the level of my Ministry. So far, no payment has been effected.

A list of the claims is being placed in the Library of the National Assembly.

**CEB - ACTING CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER - INQUIRY**

(No. B/389) Mr G. Lesjongard (Second Member for Port Louis North & Montagne Longue) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities whether, in regard to Mr B. P. K., Acting Chief Finance Officer of the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to if an inquiry has been carried against him and if so, indicate the -

(a) terms of reference thereof;

(b) outcome thereof;

(b) number of legal advice sought and obtained, indicating the names of the legal advisers therefor, and

(c) actions, if any, taken against him and if not, why not.

(Withdrawn)

**CEB - FORT VICTORIA POWER STATION - TENDERS**

(No. B/390) Mr G. Lesjongard (Second Member for Port Louis North & Montagne Longue) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities whether, in regard to the construction of the Phase II of the Fort Victoria Power Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to if tenders have been launched seeking technical assistance therefor, indicating -
(a) the value of the contract, and
(b) if one Mr M. M. D. was invited by one Mr F. H. by way of an e-mail to submit a proposal therefor and if it is the same Mr M. M. D. who prepared tender documents whenever contracts were awarded to the Burmeister & Wain Scandinavian Contractor.

(Withdrawn)

BANK OF MAURITIUS – OPERATION RESERVES RECONSTITUTION

(No. B/393) Mr K. Li Kwong Wing (Second Member for Beau Bassin & Petite Rivière) asked the vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development whether, in regard to the Operation Reserves Reconstitution, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to the -

(a) amount of foreign currencies purchased by the Bank in the domestic foreign exchange market, respectively in 2011, and since January 2012 to date, indicating the impact thereof on the bank’s reserves;

(b) amount of foreign reserves needed to achieve the target level of 6 months’ import, and

(c) implication of the Bank for sterilized intervention on the public debt market and the fiscal costs thereof.

(Withdrawn)

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS – BELISHA FLASHING LAMPS

(No. B/395) Mr D. Nagalingum (Second Member for Stanley & Rose Hill) asked the vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National
Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping whether, in regard to the pedestrian crossings, he will state where matters stand in relation to the proposed -

(a) installation of Belisha flashing lamps, and

(b) revisiting of the locations thereof.

(Withdrawn)

ROCHE BOIS – ESTUARY - DEAD FISH

(No. B/396) Mr J. C. Barbier (Second Member for GRNW & Port Louis West) asked the Minister of Fisheries whether, in regard to the recent case of a large quantity of dead fish found at the estuary of Roche Bois, he will state if the inquiry carried out to ascertain the causes thereof is now complete and if so, indicate the -

(a) outcome thereof, and

(b) measures taken to avoid the recurrence of similar cases in the future.

Reply: I am informed that some 1000 small fish of size 6 - 30 cm were found dead along the shore near the estuary of Roche Bois on 11 June 2012.

Samples of dead fish as well as water samples were collected for analysis by the Albion Fisheries Research Centre of my Ministry, the Food Technology Laboratory of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security and the National Environment Laboratory of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development.

Preliminary results from the Albion Fisheries Research Centre showed that the physico-chemical parameters of the waters collected in the estuary and in the lagoon were within the Coastal Quality Guideline Limits with the exception of
phosphate. The phosphate levels were high in the estuary and near the fish landing station which were due to the input of fresh water from the river. Bacteriological tests revealed high level of total and faecal coliforms. These results have once more been confirmed from a subsequent analysis.

Analysis of fresh water samples carried out by the National Environmental Laboratory showed that there were low level of Dissolved Oxygen and high levels of total reactive phosphorus, Chemical Oxygen Demand, ammonia, total organic carbon and E.coli.

I am informed that test carried out by the Food Technology Laboratory on dead fish samples did not reveal any detectable level of pesticide residues.

Furthermore, preliminary surveys carried out by the Ministry of Environment & Sustainable Development revealed that the industries in the region were all connected to the Waste Water Sewerage network system and there was no indication of any incident such as overflow and accidental spillage.

So far, the exact case of mortality of fish has not yet been established. Further investigations are being carried out at the Albion Fisheries Research Centre, Food Technology Laboratory and National Environment Laboratory to determine the exact cause of the fish mortality.

With regard to part (b) of the question, fish mortality occurs through natural causes or through effects of anthropogenic activities. Natural causes are beyond our control. However, anthropogenic activities are regulated through Legislations and Enforcement. Since the occurrence of this particular case, my Ministry has redoubled its monitoring efforts. The Fisheries Protection Service monitors the site on a daily basis. The Albion Fisheries Research Centre over and above its regular monitoring programme for water quality in that particular area, has now put
in place a weekly sampling exercise. I am informed that a meeting was held on 13th June 2012 at the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development with representatives of concerned Ministries and Departments and it was decided amongst others that -

(i) the activities of the Police de L’Environnement would be reinforced to track down any occurrence of illegal discharge;

(ii) factories of the region would be reminded that they should take all the necessary measures so as not to allow any discharge of effluents in any water bodies, and

(iii) the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life would inform the public not to collect and consume any dead fish.

I wish to inform the House that a Press Communiqué was issued jointly by my Ministry and the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life, to advise the public not to consume the dead fish from the Terre Rouge estuary until further notice.

My Ministry would provide all support to the – Umbrella Ministry, i.e the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development to monitor the situation with a view to determining the causes of fish mortality in that region.

**FISH AUCTION MARKET - OPERATION**

(No. B/397) Mr J. C. Barbier (Second Member for GRNW & Port Louis West) asked the Minister of Fisheries whether, in regard to the Fish Auction Market, he will state if it is in operation and, if not, why not.

**Reply:** The Fish Auction Market is not in operation yet. An Expression of Interest for the operationalisation of the Fish Auction Market had, in fact, been
launched locally as well as internationally on 18 November 2011. Unfortunately, by the closing date, no response had been received. The exercise has been re-launched on 18 May 2012 and the closing date is 02 July 2012.

REGIS CHAPERON SSS – RENOVATION WORKS

(No. B/398) Mr K. Ramano (Second Member for Belle Rose & Quatre Bornes) asked the Minister of Education and Human Resources whether, in regard to the Regis Chaperon State Secondary School, he will state if -

(a) a tender has been launched for major renovation works to be carried out thereat, and

(b) he has received representations from the Parents Teachers Association thereof, in relation to the overall state of the infrastructure thereof and if so, if consideration will be given for the taking of urgent remedial measures in relation thereto.

Reply: In regard to part (a) of the question, major extension and rehabilitation works at the Dr Regis Chaperon SSS are being carried out in two phases.

Phase I of the project consists in the construction of -

a) a new two-storey toilet block;

b) a new three-storey specialist room block that will accommodate one laboratory each for Biology, Chemistry, Physics and 2 computer rooms;

c) a boundary wall, and

d) covering of the canal crossing the school compound.
The contract has been awarded on 05 June 2012 and works are expected to start by end of June 2012 for a contractual duration of fourteen (14) months.

Renovation works to existing building and gymnasium will be undertaken in Phase II of the project and comprises -

(a) waterproofing works;

(b) review of the whole electrical system;

(c) conversion of the existing laboratories into classrooms;

(d) replacement of damaged naco frames, and

(e) remedial works to any spalled concrete and cracks.

Preliminary drawings are being finalized and, as per tentative implementation schedule, it is expected to launch tenders by September 2012. Works are expected to start early January 2013.

Regarding part (b) of the question, I am in presence of representations from the members of the Parents Teachers Association of the school regarding the defective state of the toilet and cracks and spalling in the existing school buildings due to their old state. I had a meeting with the PTA on Monday 18 June 2012 and members were apprised of the latest development concerning both Phase I and Phase II of the projects at Dr Regis Chaperon SSS.

Furthermore, the advisability of shifting students to ex-Marcel Cabon SSS on a temporary basis has also been raised. The matter is being discussed at the PTA level after which a decision would be taken in consultation with the PTA and the students.

In any case the upgrading of the present college has been decided upon and will, in no circumstances, be allowed to undergo any delay.
Furthermore, with a view to mitigating the emanation of foul smell in the toilets -

(a) all clogged pipes in the toilet blocks have already been cleared to ensure that the flushing tanks are in good running conditions, and

(b) the toilets are being cleaned regularly with high water pressure.

Further, arrangements have been made for the provision of a cleaner on a full-time basis to ensure overall cleanliness of the school premises.

**CAP MALHEUREUX - MARSHY LANDS - CONSTRUCTION**

(No. B/399) Mr A. Gungah (First Member for Grand’ Baie & Poudre d’Or) asked the Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands whether, in regard to the construction of a commercial complex on the marshy lands opposite the Cap Malheureux cemetery, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Pamplemousses/Rivière du Rempart District Council, information as to -

(a) the date the promoter thereof applied for a building and land use permit therefor, indicating the basis on which approval was granted;

(b) if all the necessary clearances have been sought and obtained, and

(c) if an Environmental Impact Assessment licence was required therefor.

**Reply:** With regard to parts (a & b) of the question, I am informed that the promoter KIRAV Co. Ltd applied for a Building and Land Use Permit on 08 April 2011 at the Pamplemousses-Rivière du Rempart District Council for the proposed construction of a Commercial building to be used as Supermarket and General Retailer’s Shop on a plot of State land at Cap Malheureux.
The Building and Land Use Permit was granted by the Council on 15 April 2011. While processing the application the Council has taken note that the promoter had a State land lease signed on 14 February 2011 for a period of sixty years with the Ministry of Housing and Lands as well as a planning clearance issued on 25 January 2011 by that Ministry.

As regards part (c) of the question, I am informed that an Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) licence is not required as the development is not a scheduled undertaking in terms of schedules I and II of the Environment Protection Act. In fact, the land upon which development is taking place is 65 metres away from the wet land and the exercise of the wet and the commercial complex will not have any impact one upon the other.

Following complaints received, a site visit was carried out on 21 June 2012 by representatives of the District Council, Ministry of Housing and Lands, Ramsar Committee and my Ministry, during which the above information was confirmed.

SALT - IMPORTATION - LIBERALISATION

(No. B/ 400) Mr A. Ganoo (First Member for Savanne & Black River) asked the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection whether, in regard to salt, he will state -

(a) if any decision has been taken for the liberalization of the importation thereof and, if so, indicate;

(i) when, and

(ii) if any study has been carried out to assess the social consequences thereof, and

(b) the number of employees who are presently employed in the local salt pans and refineries.
(Withdrawn)

RODRIGUES - SPORTS ACTIVITIES

(No. B/402) Mr F. Quirin (Third Member for Beau Bassin & Petite Rivière) asked the Minister of Youth and Sports whether, in regard to sports activities in Rodrigues, he will state if his Ministry has any action plan for the promotion and development thereof, thereat and, if not, why not.

(Withdrawn)

SECONDARY SCHOOLS (PRIVATE) - STUDENT TRAVELLING PASS

(No. B/404) Mrs A. Navarre-Marie (First Member for GRNW & Port Louis West) asked the Minister of Education and Human Resources whether, in regard to the private secondary schools, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Private Secondary Schools Authority, information as to the number of students thereof who have not yet been issued with a student travelling pass, since January 2012 to date, indicating the reasons therefor.

Reply: Student Identity Cards (commonly known as Student Travelling Passes) are issued to students by the National Transport Authority on a yearly basis and are valid from the month of May of the current year to April of the following year.

I am informed that the majority of our students (that is, 65,473 students) from the Private Secondary Schools have been issued with their Students Identity Cards.

Students who have not been issued their Identity Cards are presumably due to -
(a) non-compliance by schools of the set criteria by the NTA (absence of photo, non payment of fee or late submission); or
(b) due to students either living in the vicinity of the Schools or those using their own means of transport (e.g. contract bus or school van), or
(c) late admissions.

I have requested the PSSA to look into the matter and take appropriate action, to ensure that the students are provided with their ID Cards within the least possible delay.

SHELTERS – CHILDREN - LOCATION

(No. A/176) Mrs L. Ribot (Third Member for Stanley & Rose Hill) asked the Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare whether, in regard to the shelters, she will state the number thereof available for the

(a) boys;
(b) girls, and
(c) babies, indicating in each case the -
   (i) location thereof;
   (ii) number of residents therein, indicating the age group thereof, and
(iii) number thereof housed in rented buildings, indicating the monthly rental thereof in each case.

**Reply:** Presently, there are two shelters under the aegis of my Ministry situated at Pointe aux Sables and Cap Malheureux. As at 22 June 2012, 108 children from 0 to 18 years comprising 16 babies, 61 girls and 31 boys are residing at shelter La Colombe, Pte aux Sables while there are 30 boys aged 9 to 17 years at the shelter L’Oiseau du Paradis, Cap Malheureux.

Both shelters are government-owned buildings, therefore, monthly rental does not arise.

Furthermore, I would like to point out that there are 341 children (157 boys, 158 girls and 26 babies) who are placed by my Ministry in Residential Care Institutions which are owned and managed by Non-Governmental Organisations.

**BEL OMBRE GOVERNMENT SCHOOL - MEASURES AND SANCTIONS**

**(No. A/179) Mrs J. Radegonde (Fourth Member for Savanne & Black River) asked** the Minister of Education and Human Resources whether, in regard to the Bel Ombre Government School, he will state if he has been informed of the outcome of the meeting that has taken place between the parents of the pupils thereof, the group *Mouvement de l’Ouest*, the school master thereof and the Director of the Zone 3, and, if so, indicate the measures and sanctions that are being/will be taken to address the issues raised during the meeting.

**Reply:** I am informed that a Meeting was held, on 11 June 2012, between a group of parents of pupils of Bel Ombre Government School, the group “Movement de L’Ouest”, the Head Master of the school and the officers of the
Directorate of Zone 3 following a request made for a meeting to address grievances related to the school.

The following issues were discussed, among others, at the meeting -

- Management of the school;
- Attendance of pupils;
- Performance of the school; and
- Monitoring of the teaching and learning process.

Following that meeting, a number of measures have already been taken to address the above concerns -

- A new Headmaster was thus posted to Bel Ombre Government School as from 18 June 2012 and he has been requested to closely monitor the attendance of staff, conduct regular class visits, assist teachers on pedagogical issues, hold regular meetings with the members of the PTA and work in close collaboration with all stakeholders.
- It has been agreed that the Primary School Inspector will be visiting the school more regularly to monitor the situation.
- The assistance of Social Workers will also be enlisted to visit those pupils with high rates of absenteeism.

With regard to the fencing issue, the damaged chain link fencing has been repaired pending the construction of the block wall for which tenders are expected to be awarded soon.
(No. A/180) Mr R. Uteem (Second Member for Port Louis South & Port Louis Central) asked the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection whether, in regard to the proceeds of sale of mogas and gas oil, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the total amount thereof contributed to the Road Development Authority, as at to date.

Reply: According to records available at the State Trading Corporation, the contribution to the Road Development Authority as regards the proceeds of sale of mogas and gas oil as at May 2012 stood at Rs4,780,882,904.46 which includes contribution to the Road Development Authority per se (Rs1, 155,947,542.80) and the Bus Companies Recovery Account (Rs 3,624,935,361.66).

The table below shows the contribution made to the Road Development Authority as from September 1990 to date and also to the Bus Companies Recovery Account as from October 2004 to date.

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**SALE BY LEVY - NATIONAL SOLIDARITY FUND – AMOUNT PAID**

(No. A/181) Mr R. Uteem (Second Member for Port Louis South & Port Louis Central) asked the Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions whether, in regard to the payment made by the National
Solidarity Fund to the victims of sale by levy, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, since 2005 to date, information as to the -

(a) amount of money paid to the victims of sale by levy;
(b) eligibility criteria to benefit therefrom, and
(c) legal basis therefor.


This 2007/2008 measure relates to provision of financial assistance in favour of deserving families who have lost their only residence through sale by levy to acquire a house.

Whereas the 2008/2009 measure relates to cases of families with household income less than Rs7,500 per month who were facing difficulties to service their mortgage following death or serious incapacity of a wage earner.

With regard to part (a) of the question, financial assistance amounting to Rs13,964,440.27 and Rs1,094,764.96 have been paid as at 02 June 2012 in favour of victims of Sale by Levy in respect of budgetary measures 2007/2008 and 2008/2009, respectively.

With regard to part (b) of the question, the list of criteria for both measures is as follows -

Budgetary Measures 2007/2008
(i)  loss of only residence through Sale by Levy;
(ii) unexpected change in circumstances leading to nonpayment of loan taken—viz. sickness, loss of employment, demise of income earner etc;
(iii) the purpose of loan taken;
(iv) victims should not have been owner of bare residential land of more than 60-70 toises or agricultural land (under cultivation) of more than 1A, and
(v) property seized as at 31 December 2006.

Budgetary Measures 2008/2009

(i) the household income per month inclusive of National Pension and Social Aid should not exceed Rs7,500;
(ii) the loan taken should be either a housing loan or a loan taken for setting up of own business where only residence has been given as guarantee;
(iii) loan taken from recognized lending institutions only;
(iv) financial assistance would be provided to service mortgage to prevent seizure or sale of only residence;
(v) death or serious incapacity occurred on or after 01 July 2007;
(vi) death or serious incapacity as spelt out in the Social Aid Act and the National Pension Act, and
(vii) in case of death of both spouses, children were eligible for assistance depending on their meeting relevant criteria mentioned above.

With regard to part (c) of the question, the legal basis relates to the two budgetary measures announced in 2007/08 and 2008/09 and directives issued to my Ministry by the High Level Committee set up under the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.
MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OUTER ISLANDS - ADVISERS

(No. A/184) Mr D. Nagalingum (Second Member for Stanley & Rose Hill) asked the Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands whether, in regard to the Advisers employed by his Ministry on a contractual basis, since January 2010 to date, he will give a list thereof, indicating in each case –

(a) their qualifications;
(b) their salaries and terms and conditions of employment, and
(c) the duties assigned thereto.

Reply: The information requested by the hon. Member is being placed in the Library of the National Assembly.

GOODLANDS SSS – PHASE II CONSTRUCTION

(No. A/185) Mr A. Gungah (First Member for Grand’ Baie & Poudre d’Or) asked the Minister of Education and Human Resources whether, in regard to the construction of the Phase II of the Goodlands State Secondary School, he will state the-

(a) scope of works thereof;
(b) estimated cost thereof, and
(c) expected start and completion dates thereof.

Reply: In regard to part (a) of the question, the scope of works in respect of Phase II at Goodlands SSS consisted of the construction of additional classrooms, a
science block, a toilet Block and a playfield for a contractual amount of Rs 101.3 million.

In regard to part (b), works started in February 2009 and were completed in January 2011 except for the playfield. The delay in completing the playfield was to a large extent due to the long period of drought. The playfield has been completed in June 2012 and taking over exercise has been scheduled by end of this week.

**ROADS – SPEED CAMERAS – PURCHASE**

(No. A/186) Mr A. Gungah (First Member for Grand’ Baie & Poudre d’Or) asked the vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping whether, in regard to the proposed purchase of speed cameras, he will state the number thereof which will be purchased, indicating the expected date of delivery thereof.

**Reply:** The bids for the supply, installation commissioning and operation of the speed cameras are presently being evaluated at the Central procurement Board. Fifty Fixed Speed Cameras and Six Mobile ones will be procured.

The delivery will be done in three phases, viz –

In the first phase, twenty-six speed cameras will be delivered within four months as from the date of the letter of award.

In each of the second and third phases, fifteen speed cameras will be delivered within three months as the date notification.
The installation and commissioning on site will be three months for each phase as from the date of handing over of site after delivery of the fixed speed cameras.

The whole of the project is expected to be completed within 18 months as from the date of the letter of award.

**DR. REGIS CHAPERON STATE SECONDARY SCHOOL - REHABILITATION AND EXTENSION WORKS**

(No. A/188) Mr M. Seeruttun(Second Member for Vieux Grand Port & Rose Belle) asked the Minister of Education and Human Resources whether, in regard to the Dr. Regis Chaperon State Secondary School, he will state –

(a) where matters stand in relation to the major rehabilitation and extension works to be carried out thereat, indicating if consideration will be given for the renovation of the gymnasium thereof and, if so, when and, if not, why not, and

(b) if the Waste Water Management Authority has been apprised of the foul smells emanating thereat and if so, indicate the outcome thereof.

Reply: In regard to part (a) of the question, major extension and rehabilitation works at the Dr Regis Chaperon SSS are being carried out in two phases. Phase I of the project consists in the construction of -

- e) a new two-storey toilet block;
- f) a new three-storey specialist room block that will accommodate one laboratory each for Biology, Chemistry, Physics and 2 computer rooms;
- g) a boundary wall, and
- h) covering of the canal crossing the school compound.
The contract has been awarded on 05 June 2012. Works are expected to start by end of June 2012 and will be of contractual duration of fourteen (14) months.

Phase II of the project which concerns the existing buildings and the gymnasium will comprise -

(f) waterproofing works;
(g) review of the whole electrical system;
(h) conversion of the existing laboratories into classrooms;
(i) replacement of damaged naco frames, and
(j) renovation works and remedial works to spalled concrete and cracks in all buildings including the gymnasium.

Preliminary drawings are being finalized and, all efforts are being undertaken for tenders to be launched by September 2012. Works are expected to start early 2013 and would be of 15 months’ duration.

In regard to part (b) of the question, I am informed that my ministry has approached the Wastewater Management Authority (WMA) on 15 February 2012 regarding the emanation of foul smell and reflux of sewer water within the school premises after heavy rainfall. The WMA has submitted a report on 18 June 2012 to the effect that the sewer line was in good condition and that problem of foul smell is expected to be resolved with the construction of new toilet block in Phase I.

STATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS - RENOVATION WORKS

(No. A/189) Mr M. Seeruttun (Second Member for Vieux Grand Port & RoseBelle) asked the Minister of Education and Human Resources whether, in
regard to the State Secondary Schools which are thirty years old and above, he will
give a list thereof, indicating the ones which have been earmarked for major
renovation works, indicating in each case, the –

(a) scope of the works;
(b) estimated cost, and
(c) expected start and completion dates thereof.

Reply: I am tabling the information requested by the hon. Member in the Library of the National Assembly.

LANDS - COMPULSORY ACQUISITION

(No. A/190) Mr. A. Ameer Meea (First Member for Port Louis Maritime & Port Louis East) asked the Minister of Housing and Lands whether, in regard to lands compulsorily acquired over the past two years for the implementation of Government projects, he will give a list thereof, indicating in each case, the –

(a) location thereof;
(b) project earmarked therefor;
(c) name of the owner thereof, and
(d) total amount of money paid therefor.

Reply: The information is being compiled and will be placed in the Library of the National Assembly.

ROHAN STREET, CITÉ MARTIAL - ELECTRIC POLE

(No. A/191) Mr. A. Ameer Meea (First Member for Port Louis Maritime & Port Louis East) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities whether, in regard to the electric pole located on the residential property of one Mr. E. U., at L31, Rohan Street, Cité Martial, Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information
as to if they are aware that it causes inconveniences to Mr E. U. and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given for the displacement thereof and, if so, when and, if not, why not.

**Reply:** I am informed by the Central Electricity Board that no complaint has been registered under the name of Mr E.U regarding inconveniences caused by an electric pole located on the premises at L31, Rohan Street, Cité Martial, Port-Louis.

**SILWF - GENERAL MANAGER - SALARY**

(No. A/192) Mr P. Jhugroo (First Member for Mahebourg & Plaine Magnien) asked the Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare whether, in regard to the post of General Manager of the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to –

(a) the name of the person in post, indicating
   (i) since when he is acting as General Manager
   (ii) his qualifications, and
   (iii) his salaries and terms and conditions of employment, and
(b) when same will be filled in a substantive capacity, indicating the mode of recruitment therefor.

**Reply:** Regarding part (a) (i) of the question, I am informed that Mr RamBhungee, the Deputy General Manager at the Sugar Industry LabourWelfare Fund has been acting as General Manager since 31 October 2003.

With regard to part (a) (ii), Mr Bhungee holds the following qualifications –

a) Cambridge School Certificate (November/December 1970);
b) General Certificate of Education Examination from the University of London (June 1974) with pass in 2 subjects;

c) Degree of Bachelor of Arts (Economics, Sociology and English) from the University of Punjab, India (1980), and
d) Diploma in Journalism and Professional Writing from the Trans-World Tutorial College, Jersey, Britain (1981).

He is drawing a monthly salary of Rs 80,420 including basic salary as Deputy General Manager, salary compensation and acting allowance.

He is eligible to the following terms and conditions of employment -

(a) purchase of a car up to 1500 c.c capacity with 100% duty remission;

(b) a monthly travelling allowance of Rs 8,480, and

(c) an end of year bonus (of Rs 80,420) as per recommendation of the PRB Report 2008.

Regarding part (b) of the question, it is not proposed to fill in the post of General Manager for the time being as provision has not been made for financial year 2012.

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SECURITY, NATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND REFORM INSTITUTIONS - ADVISERS/PRESS ATTACHÉS - APPOINTMENT

(No. A/193) Mr P. Jhugroo (First Member for Mahebourg & Plaine Magnien) asked the Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions whether, in regard to the Advisers/Press Attachés and/or persons employed/appointed on a contractual basis by her Ministry, since July 2005 to date, she will give a list thereof, indicating in each case –
(a) their qualifications
(b) their salaries and terms and conditions of employment/appointment and
(c) the duties assigned thereto.

Reply: The information requested is being laid in the Library.