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(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

ORAL ANSWER TO QUESTION
BANGALEEA, MR HEMANT - ARREST

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr P. Bérenger) (*by Private Notice*) asked the Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues whether, in regard to Mr Hemant Bangaleea, arrested on 18 November 2012, on the provisional charges of swindling, forgery and instructions to commit murder, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Bank of Mauritius, the Financial Intelligence Unit and the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to if they have initiated inquiries in relation thereto and, if so, where matters stand, indicating –

- (a) the number of times he has travelled to and from Mauritius, since 2006 to date, on a yearly basis, and
- (b) if he had been allocated State land and *Pas Géométriques*, directly or indirectly, through companies.

The Prime Minister: Mr Speaker, Sir, I am informed by the Commissioner of Police that, on 09 November 2012, Mr Nitesh Ramdhary, aged 29, residing at Mahatma Gandhi Road, Trois Boutiques, Triolet, reported that, on or about November last year, Mr Hemant Bangaleea, aged 44, of the same address proposed to sell to him a plot of land of an extent of 6 Arpents located at Sector 3 and 4 MIDC near Ratnagini, Goa Road, District Ratnagini 415722, Maharashtra, India, for the sum of Mauritian Rs40 m.

According to Mr Ramdhary, from 23 November 2011 to 09 August 2012, he paid to Mr Bangaleea a total sum of Rs40 m. on several occasions.

On or about August 2012, Mr Bangaleea remitted to him the deed for the said land drawn on the name of Mr Ramdhary. The latter insisted on visiting the said land, but Mr Bangaleea kept on postponing the proposed visit.

On 16 September 2012, while in England, Mr Ramdhary showed the deed to his Indian friends and they told him that it was not an authentic one as deeds in India are computer-generated.

On 21 September 2012, on his return to Mauritius, Mr Ramdhary reported the fact to Mr Bangaleea. However, the latter insisted that the deed was a genuine one. Mr Bangaleea then

proposed to buy back the land for the sum of Singapore Dollar 3.8 m., which is equivalent to about Mauritian Rs95 m., and he paid the amount by cheque.

Mr Ramdhary then deposited the cheque in his bank account in Singapore, but the cheque was not honoured as the signature on it was irregular.

On his return to Mauritius, on 20 October 2012, Mr Ramdhary claimed to have been attacked by some persons armed with firearms who were searching the said cheque and the deed. Two days later, Mr Ramdhary reported the matter to Triolet Police Station.

Mr Ramdhary also stated that Mr Bangaleea had swindled him the sum of Rs95 m. Thereafter, Police started an inquiry into the matter.

On 15 November 2012 at 00.55 hours at Sodnac Police Station, Mr Nitesh Ramdhary reported that on 14 November 2012 at 21.15 hours, he was at Balaclava when a car colour black of registration number and make unknown, stopped in front of his car and two unknown men and two ladies came out of the car. One of the men caught hold of him by his neck and stated "*tone trouver nou ti dire toi nou pou fini toi azordi*". I am stating what was said.

Mr Ramdhary alleges that the other man poured gasoline on him and his car. He struggled with them and managed to enter his car and drove away.

Police started an inquiry. Police photographer, draughtsman and SOCO attended the case. The clothing of Mr Nitesh Ramdhary was secured and swab was taken from the car and forwarded to the Forensic Science Laboratory for examination.

The case file was transferred to Terre Rouge Police Station as the offence occurred in Balaclava.

Mr Speaker, Sir, as part of the inquiry, the Ministry of Housing and Lands reported that the acting Chief Surveyor of his Ministry informed him that, during a verification exercise at the Finance Section of the Ministry, it was found that a payment of Rs600,000 and Rs25,000, as reservation and survey fees, respectively, were received at the Cash Office of the Ministry on 27 February 2008. Upon examination of a print-out of the database of the Cash Office, it was noted that those two payments were in respect of a plot of land of the extent of 12 Arpents at La Cambuse in favour of Dekhathem Ltd, represented by one Hemant Bangaleea. The printout also indicated a file reference of HR/941 and a letter dated 28 January 2008 as authority, that is, the authority for the payment. However, the Ministry of Housing and Lands says that the file reference HR/941 never existed at the Ministry and that there was no record of any letter dated

28 January 2008 which was issued regarding any reservation in respect of the plot of State land of 12 Arpents at La Cambuse in favour of Dekhathem Ltd.

As soon as the matter was uncovered, this was reported to the Central CID by the Ministry of Housing and Lands.

On 18 November 2012, Mr Bangaleea was arrested on a provisional charge of swindling by the Central CID and brought in for inquiry. A search was also carried out at his residence at Triolet and several documents in connection with the case were secured.

Mr Bangaleea is currently detained pending inquiry. A provisional plaint has been lodged before the Pamplémousses District Court. On 19 November 2012, he was remanded to Police cell until 26 November 2012 as the Police has objected to bail.

Mr Speaker Sir, as far as ICAC is concerned, on 05 December 2006, the Commission initiated an investigation following a referral from my Office, that is the PMO, in relation to a press article which appeared in "L'Hebdo" of 03 to 08 December 2006 with the caption "*Rs150 millions sur le compte d'un agent du Parti Travailleiste*". This matter was reported immediately to ICAC on the 05 December 2006.

A Disclosure Order was applied on 21 May 2007 to obtain information from financial institutions on the bank accounts of Mr Hemant Bangaleea and his close relatives. Analysis of the same did not reveal any huge deposit in the latter's bank accounts nor that of his close relatives' bank accounts.

There was no evidence and predicate offence of money laundering, since there was none, the case was kept in abeyance. Mr Bangaleea was monitored for intelligence purposes.

In March 2009, the Ministry of Housing and Lands referred to the Police a case of suspected forged letter of reservation shown to the Ministry by one Mr H.S. This matter was not pursued further as Mr H.S. did not come forward to give a statement to the Police as to the person who gave him the letter.

The Police, however, suspecting a case of corruption in money laundering referred the matter nevertheless to ICAC.

I am informed by the Director-General of ICAC that the Commission has completed its inquiry and has submitted the case file of Mr Bangaleea to the Director of Public Prosecutions for advice on 20 July 2012.

On 05 October 2012, the Office of the DPP suggested that a meeting be held between the officer concerned with the case at their level together with those of ICAC and the Police. A meeting has been scheduled for 21 November 2012.

Mr Speaker, Sir, as far as the Bank of Mauritius is concerned, I am informed that following a request from the Commissioner of Police, an inquiry has been initiated into the case.

As far as FIU is concerned, I am informed by the Director-General of the Financial Intelligence Unit that, on 12 February 2007, the ICAC sought the cooperation of the FIU for relevant intelligence under sections 10 and 20 of the Financial Intelligence and Anti-Money Laundering Act on Mr Bangaleea.

On 08 June 2007, the FIU, after having carried out its financial investigative analysis, disseminated an intelligence report to ICAC on the subject.

On 20 July 2007, FIU disseminated a further intelligence report to ICAC on Mr Bangaleea.

On 17 June 2008, the FIU received a Suspicious Transaction Report from a commercial bank on a different individual. The FIU carried out its investigative analysis and it was traced that the individual is connected to Mr Bangaleea.

On 19 February 2009, the FIU disseminated a third intelligence report pursuant to the above Suspicious Transaction Report to ICAC on Mr Bangaleea and the concerned individual.

Mr Speaker Sir, in regard to the inquiry carried out by the Mauritius Revenue Authority, the Director-General of the Authority has reported that Mr Bangaleea is the Director of two companies namely Dekhathem Ltd and Direct Deal Ltd.

The Director-General of the MRA has further reported that, according to the records available at the Registrar General's Office, Mr Bangaleea has acquired immovable properties in Triolet and Pointe aux Cannoniers for the sum of Rs400,000 and Rs5 m. on 10 September 2007 and on 02 February 2009 respectively. He had contracted loans for a total amount of Rs8 m. on 02 February 2009 and 09 February 2009 from Bank One Ltd. He further contracted a loan of Rs1 m. from DBM on 11 March 2011.

I am further informed by the Director-General of the MRA that an investigation has been initiated in the case of Mr Bangaleea in June 2012 into his involvement in the alleged acquisition of Silver Beach Hotel and the alleged bank accounts held in Singapore. The investigation is underway.

The companies in which he is a shareholder have not declared any income and are currently under investigation.

In regard to part (a) of the question, Mr Hemant Bangaleea has travelled to and from Mauritius on 19 occasions since 2006. I am tabling the information requested. I must point out Mr Speaker, Sir, that, according to information provided by the Police during that period, there was no criminal case reported against him.

In regard to part (b) of the question, I am informed by the Ministry of Housing and Lands that Mr Hemant Bangaleea has submitted in his own name or as representative of private companies or societies seven applications for State land in different localities for the purpose of setting up hotels and/or bungalow complexes as follows –

- (i) three applications in the year 2000 for holiday chalets at Le Morne;
- (ii) one application in 2005 for a hotel and bungalow project in Grand Port, and
- (iii) three applications in 2006 for hotel projects - one in Black River, one in Rivière du Rempart and one in Savanne.

I am informed by the Ministry of Housing and Lands that no letter of reservation nor any letter of intent has ever been issued following these seven applications, which, in fact, were not processed.

It has, however, come to light that two fake letters of reservation concerning two plots of land of the extent of 12 *Arpents* and 20 *Arpents* at La Cambuse and Bel Ombre, respectively are in circulation. In both cases, statements have been given by officials of the Ministry of Housing and Lands to the Central CID.

Mr Bérenger: Mr Speaker, Sir, can I start with the past. Replying to a Parliamentary question in the House on Tuesday 07 April 2009, the hon. Prime Minister then said, I quote –

“Our Mission in Paris has been informed by the Embassy of Switzerland that Mr H. B. *a fait l’objet d’un contrôle de la part des autorités suisses* in Berne.”

Can I know since then, whether enquiries have established what was the nature of that *contrôle*, what were the results of that *contrôle*, whether that person was found in possession of Rs300 m.?

The Prime Minister: Mr Speaker, Sir, there were press articles as well. On 03 April 2009, it was revealed after based on the allegations in the press, that Mr Bangaleea had in his possession Rs300 m. and he was arrested by the Police *Financière* in Switzerland. On 25 June

2009, a letter was sent to Interpol Swiss to obtain information on Mr Bangaleea. Reply was received from Interpol Swiss on 20 July 2009 to the effect that Mr Bangaleea had not been intercepted by the Swiss Authorities. After that, on 17 November 2009, another application for Judge's Order was made following the first disclosure about a transfer of Rs1 m. Subsequently, decision was taken by the Commission for the case to be put for further investigation under section 47 of PoCA.

Mr Bérenger: He quoted the Swiss Embassy as having confirmed that the person concerned, H. B, was *l'objet d'un contrôle de la part des autorités suisses*; there was a control. My question is: we must try to find out what was the nature of that control? Why was that control carried out? What were the results?

The Prime Minister: From what I understand, from what the information we get, I suppose, they do control a lot of people, but what they say is that there is a difference between control and by, in fact, *interpellé* and that is where the crux of the matter is. In fact, they say—

“Il n'a pas été interpellé à Genève par un service officiel pour autant qu'il ait été interpellé. En outre, il y a lieu de s'interroger sur la crédibilité de/des auteurs des coupures de journaux annexées à votre message”.

And then, it goes on to say...

(Interruptions)

No, it is the same thing. The paper said he was arrested in Switzerland...

(Interruptions)

Yes, following what the paper said! That is why we asked for Interpol to tell us whether it is true or not, whether he had Rs300 m. with him. Apparently, from what I understand, he had money with him, they did control him, but they had no reason to *interpelle* him. That is what is the fact.

Mr Bérenger: What I mean is that we are talking about different things. The Prime Minister is referring to *démarches* towards Interpol. I am referring to the case where he says that the Embassy of Switzerland gave information in writing. Can I ask whether the hon. Prime Minister would object to a copy of that correspondence from the Embassy of Switzerland where it is said that H.B *'a fait l'objet d'un contrôle de la part des autorités suisses in Berne'*. Can it be tabled?

The Prime Minister: I am not sure whether there is a letter, if the Leader of the Opposition is saying there is a letter. But we have information that – like they do with

everybody else, I suppose, I am not the Swiss Authorities to know - he was never arrested as was suggested by the paper, that is why I am furthering on this.

Mr Bérenger: The hon. Prime Minister still does not know what was the nature of that control. We are still on that issue, Mr Speaker, Sir. There has been allegation that a lawyer - in the context of that *contrôle de la part des autorités suisses* - came from London to take care of Mr H.B. Have we enquired into that? Is it a fact?

The Prime Minister: Mr Speaker, Sir, that is the trouble when you believe everything that is written or said. There are so many things that are being said in this campaign which are false, absolutely false. That information is absolutely false, I can tell you now.

Mr Bérenger: How does the hon. Prime Minister know?

The Prime Minister: I know because I checked. They were saying that a lawyer whom I know in London, was sent to him; it is absolutely false, that's throwing mud on people.

Mr Bérenger: I do not think the hon. Prime Minister....

(Interruptions)

I did not give any names.

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: Order!

Mr Bérenger: I did not give any names. I asked whether any lawyer came from London.

The Prime Minister: What I have just said: no.

Mr Bérenger: The hon. Prime Minister cannot know...

(Interruptions)

The hon. Prime Minister knows all the lawyers in London!

Mr Speaker: Will the hon. Leader of the Opposition give way, please?

(Interruptions)

Please, quiet!

(Interruptions)

I say, silence! I am on my feet! The answer is: no. This is the answer. The hon. Leader of the Opposition may proceed.

Mr Bérenger: I am still referring to that Parliamentary question to which the hon. Prime Minister replied. As I said, the problem is that there is a Swiss Embassy, then there is Interpol here, Interpol there and so on. In his reply, he says, I quote –

“On 02 April 2009, Interpol Mauritius again contacted Interpol Berne to verify whether Mr H. B. has been arrested in any other Province of Switzerland apart from Geneva.”

He said then –

“The reply from Interpol Berne is awaited.”

Did we finally get a reply from Interpol Berne? There are different Interpol stations. In that case, the question was: whether he has been arrested anywhere in Switzerland apart from Geneva and the reply from Interpol Berne was awaited. Can we know the result?

The Prime Minister: Yes, we did get the result and I can read it, it says –

“Nous réitérons notre réponse négative à savoir que le nommé Bangaleea Hemant n’a pas été interpellé à Genève par un service officiel pourtant qu’il ait été interpellé. En outre, il y a lieu de s’interroger sur la crédibilité de/des auteur/s des coupures de journaux annexées à votre message, ainsi que celles de leurs sources. En effet, la Brigade Financière de Genève n’a pas procédé à l’interpellation de M. Bangaleea, encore moins à sa filature. De plus, l’assignation à résidence n’est pas de mise dans notre ville. Finalement, aucune saisie de suisses 12 millions n’est répertoriée dans le registre de la police genevoise ou des autres services chez nous, chez qui nous avons effectué des recherches.”

Mr Bérenger: The hon. Prime Minister is talking of different things. That reply refers to Geneva. Following that reply from Geneva, Interpol Mauritius goes to Interpol Berne and says: ‘wherever there has been an arrest anywhere else than Geneva.’ My question is: did we get a reply on that?

The Prime Minister: Yes. What they do, Mr Speaker, Sir, obviously the hon. Leader of the Opposition does not know. They sent the reply to the Embassy which sent it to us, and which says: ‘sent from Interpol Berne IAP (...)’

Mr Bérenger: Mr Speaker, Sir, I heard that there are MRA enquiries concerning H. B. on several issues. There has been a report of a recent transfer from a Swiss Bank to a UK Bank involving a company called Dodo Property Co. Ltd. and allegations that Mr H. B. has numerous *biens immobiliers* in India. Has the MRA or relevant authorities looked into that?

The Prime Minister: Well, they are looking into that, but from what we see from this character, a lot of fake letters and a lot of false things are being said by him. We are looking into

this, but so far we haven't seen this. But it will take the time it will take, Mr Speaker, Sir. I can't guarantee that we won't find later on. I am saying that at this point in time, no.

Mr Bérenger: We have heard a lot about the Nitesh Ramdhary case and this brings us back to the Rajeshwar Indur case of 2003 where Rajeshwar Indur died, cyanur was found in his body. The Police suspected foul play. Has an enquiry been carried out whether there is any link with that episode and the present episode? Have people been arrested in that Rajeshwar Indur case since then? And the land that was reserved for Mr Rajeshwar Indur, is it still on his name or has it been transferred?

The Prime Minister: Mr Speaker, Sir, you will appreciate this is a different case altogether, but what I can say is that Mr Indur who was a member of my party, was apparently "assassinated" in 2003. There were Police investigations and then the case was closed. When I became Prime Minister again, I asked the French Authorities to look into the matter. I want to know what happened and why has the case been closed. They have given their report on that case. I have reopened the case and we are proceeding, I think, in a positive manner.

Mr Bérenger: Can we have the names of people arrested to date in that case?

The Prime Minister: I will have to check because I know they did arrest somebody after the French reopened the case which was closed. I know they had arrested somebody. Where the case is now, whether he has bail or does not have bail, I will have to look into it, because it is a different question.

Mr Bérenger: We have been given the number of times that Mr Bangaleea travelled in and out of Mauritius. Has the enquiry established whether Mr Bangaleea is in possession of several passports to foreign countries and several Mauritian passports? Has the enquiry looked into that and can I know the date on which he last came back to Mauritius at PIO records?

The Prime Minister: First of all, about the passport, Mr Speaker, Sir, we have checked, of course, and I can say the internal control at the Passport and Immigration Office states, in a categorical manner, that Mr Bangaleea has effected all his trips on his Passport Number 1015141, and that is the only passport that he has. Again, it is probably false information. I do not know whether he is claiming or he has false passport or it's false information. But as far as we are concerned, he has only one passport that he has travelled upon.

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: Silence, please! Order! I say order! The hon. Leader of the Opposition may proceed!

The Prime Minister: I am sorry ...

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: Some order, please!

The Prime Minister: The hon. Leader of the Opposition asked also about when he last travelled. He travelled to Mumbai on 16 October and came back on 14 November this year.

Mr Bérenger: Mr Speaker, Sir, can I know from the hon. Prime Minister - well, I will have to read the fine print of his reply because there has clearly been a terrible mess of forged letters of reservation going years back, but it seems that the whole Bangaleea affair revolves around land transactions with false letters of reservation and so on - whether officers from the Ministry have already been questioned, all the documents have been seized by the Police?

The Prime Minister: In fact, I must say, Mr Speaker, Sir, to their credit, the CEO at the Ministry of Housing and Lands had himself taken the initiative of reporting the cases and submitting all the documents.

Mr Bérenger: Can I ask the hon. Prime Minister to understand my surprise? All this has been going on for years and suddenly it is now that he is arrested. On the one hand, fake letters, false letters and so on are discovered. Why was this dormant all this while?

The Prime Minister: Mr Speaker, Sir, it is not the case that it was dormant. I think I said, Mr Speaker, Sir, in fact, since 2006, after the article appeared in "*Le Défi*", my office took the initiative of sending it to the Police and ICAC on my initiative, as soon as the article appeared, two days later. I don't want to go through all this. But, in fact, since 2007, all these things are being done. I have given examples where, for example, he has said that he has 12 arpents of land. He went at the Finance Section of the Ministry of Housing and Lands to effect a payment of Rs600,000 and Rs25,000 as a reservation fee based on the strength of his so-called Letter of Intent, reservation and survey fees at the cash office in 2008. Upon examination of that data, it was found that all this was false. Even the reference number was false. And every time that this has happened, the Ministry of Housing has gone to make a complaint. Let the enquiry carry on!

Mr Bérenger: In spite of all this, there was no arrest, Mr Speaker, Sir. Mr Bangaleea had been finding all sorts of excuses not to go to ICAC, making a fool of ICAC, saying, at one

time, that he has to travel overseas, at another time that he is of bad health, he can't make it and so on, and ICAC tolerated all this. Why was all this tolerated? Why was he not arrested as soon as the different evidences came to the surface?

The Prime Minister: It is not the case, Mr Speaker, Sir. Let me just correct one thing. For example, in 2009 – I am not mentioning name – one Mr H. S. came to the Ministry of Housing and Lands to say that now he has got his Letter of Intent, he wants to pay and he wants to get the lease of his land. He is well-known, this gentleman. But when the Ministry went to check, it was a fake Letter of Intent, he was told, and he was encouraged to make a statement. He refused to make a statement, but nevertheless, this was sent. But he had to make a statement, he did not make a statement. As for ICAC, Mr Speaker, Sir, it is not that ICAC did not arrest him. They have to look whether there is any money laundering or whatever case. They can't find, until they find, they will arrest him if they have to. But there is no such case here. We have fake Letters of Intent, cheques which are bounced, but no money laundering as such. In fact, from what I see, he claims to have the money, but he does not have.

Mr Speaker: I will allow two more questions before the last question of the hon. Leader of the Opposition.

Mr Jhugroo: Is the hon. Prime Minister aware whether Mr Ramdhary had reported in a Police statement the following –

“Navin Ramgoolam pou touffe l'enquête et nou pou touye toi zordi.”

(Interruptions)

The Prime Minister: He can say what the hell he wants to say, but the proof of the pudding is in the eating.

(Interruptions)

Where is he now? He is in the Police cell and Police objects to bail. Any Tom, Dick and Harry can say Mr X, Mr Y, Mr Z. Where is he now?

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: Put your question!

Mr Baloomoody: The hon. Prime Minister just informed us that Mr Ramdhary gave his statement on 09 November 2012...

(Interruptions)

The Prime Minister: I am sorry, can the hon. Member put his question again?

Mr Baloomoody: The hon. Prime Minister just informed the House that Mr Ramdhary made his declaration on 09 November 2012, making serious allegations, attempt of murder case. He informed the House that Mr Bangaleea arrived in Mauritius on 14 November. Can I know why that gentleman, Mr Bangaleea, was not arrested at the airport and why it is only after four days - he had the luxury to enjoy his bungalow - that he was arrested?

The Prime Minister: First of all, Mr Speaker, Sir, if the hon. Member had listened to what I said very carefully, when the first attack took place, he went and reported it on the next day. If he wants I will go through it again. And then when the second attack took place, he went to report it not to the station that was near there, but he went to Sodnac to meet a lawyer; he was advised and then he went to Sodnac two days later. But the hon. Member should know, he is a barrister. When I go to the Police and I say X has killed somebody. Well, they go and arrest him? They have to make the enquiry.

(Interruptions)

They have to make the enquiry. They have to look whether it is true or not. Two days, it is too much for the hon. Member!

(Interruptions)

Two days!

(Interruptions)

So, what the hon. Member is saying as a lawyer every time is that if somebody goes and complains that someone has killed somebody, they should go and arrest the person. Is that what the hon. Member is saying?

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: Last question!

(Interruptions)

Mr Jugnauth: The hon. Prime Minister is saying ...

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: Order, please! This is the last question before that of the hon. Leader of the Opposition. The hon. Member may put his question.

Mr Jugnauth: The hon. Prime Minister has just said that several authorities have been making enquiries since years. Is he aware that Mr Hemant Bangaleea has an account at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank in Singapore and not only has he drawn this cheque for 3.8 m....

Mr Speaker: Please, put the question!

Mr Jugnauth: Yes. For 3.8 m. Singapore dollars, but my information is that, in this account, there are approximately 20 m. Singapore dollars, equivalent to ...

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: I am sorry. It is out of order.

Mr Jugnauth: I am asking...

Mr Speaker: I am sorry. According to the Standing Orders, the hon. Member is not allowed to give information, but to seek information.

Mr Jugnauth: Is the hon. Prime Minister aware then...

(Interruptions)

...through the authorities which have been enquiring for years...

(Interruptions)

..whether that amount stands in this account?

(Interruptions)

I am tabling this document which is an official document from the bank in Singapore. This Hemant Bangaleea is saying around that he holds...

Mr Speaker: I have said, I have ruled.

Mr Jugnauth: ...this amount on trust for some important people.

Mr Speaker: I have ruled. Please, give way! I have ruled. The hon. Member is here to seek for information, not to give information. He has put his question; that is over. The hon. Prime Minister may answer, please!

(Interruptions)

The Prime Minister: Mr Speaker, Sir, there are two things, I must say. Again, I make a plea to the Opposition not to believe everything they hear. They have already heard so many false things that have been said. Everything is false – they even said the press, I suppose. First of all, the first cheque that the hon. Member talks about, I don't even know what bank it is in Singapore. The hon. Member seems to know, I don't know. I suppose the lawyer of Mr Ramdhary has told you, but never mind this! What I can tell you, Mr Speaker, Sir, the first cheque that I mentioned of whatever Rs95 m. the equivalent in Singapore, bounced.

(Interruptions)

I don't know. Yes! But it was not cashed. Now, the hon. Member seems to know how much money there is in that bank. I am very surprised that the hon. Member knows because I don't know. Concerning the banking secrecy, I am very surprised that in Singapore - who is the lawyer, I have my reasons to believe that somebody must have given it to the hon. Member! I don't think the hon. Member went to Singapore to check. So, we will look into that also, about banking secrecy being broken like this.

(Interruptions)

But never mind, that is not the point.

(Interruptions)

The point is if he has, the enquiry will reveal.

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: Well, before we proceed to the last question of the hon. Leader of the Opposition, a document has been tabled. But before we accept it, I have a question to clarify with hon. Jugnauth. Since this is a bank document, there is the principle of confidentiality. So, my question is: has the hon. Member obtained the authorisation of the bank before he produces this confidential document?

Mr Jugnauth: Mr Speaker, Sir, I have obtained the authorisation of the one who has received this document, Mr Nitesh Ramdhary. He has received it from his bank, the UOB.

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: I say silence! I say silence, please!

(Interruptions)

This is an important issue.

(Interruptions)

Well, wait a minute! This is a matter of applying the Standing Orders! This is a very important document. We have here to take into account the question of confidentiality. I am going to look into the matter. Last question to the hon. Leader of the Opposition!

Mr Bérenger: Mr Speaker, Sir, to conclude with this question, the Indur case goes back to 2003 *avec mort d'homme*. Now, we have this Bangaleea affair and very serious accusations. Will the hon. Prime Minister agree with me that there has been a total failure for years now to go to the bottom of things in both cases and that is for political reasons because both of them were Labour Party activists?

(Interruptions)

The Prime Minister: Mr Speaker, Sir, it just shows how wrong...

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: Order, Please!

The Prime Minister: I do not know whether he is saying that because of the Municipal elections. First of all, Mr Indur...

(Interruptions)

Listen to me!

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: I say order!

(Interruptions)

The Prime Minister: Listen! Listen!

Mr Speaker: I want some order!

(Interruptions)

The Prime Minister: The hon. Leader of the Opposition asked a question, but he does not want to listen.

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: Order! Order, please!

The Prime Minister: At least listen to my answer! Listen to my answer! Why is he afraid of the answer?

(Interruptions)

Listen to the answer! Cool down! Listen to the answer!

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: Well, if there is no order, I am going to suspend the sitting. Please, quiet! The hon. Prime Minister is answering. It is better for hon. Members to listen.

The Prime Minister: They are afraid of the answer!

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: Well, questions are put to seek information.

(Interruptions)

Please, when I am on my feet, I do not want any interruption!

(Interruptions)

I do not want any interruption!

(Interruptions)

Hon. Bhagwan, no interruption! Questions are being put and the hon. Prime Minister is answering. It is better that hon. Members listen. Now, time is over!

The Prime Minister: First of all, let me say one thing, Mr Speaker, Sir. Mr Indur who was an agent and who was a member of my executive party was very close to me. He was my agent and he passed away in 2003 in very suspicious circumstances. An enquiry was started. I was not the Prime Minister then. I was not the Minister of Interior then.

(Interruptions)

An enquiry was started. You tell me why then the enquiry was closed. There was nothing!

(Interruptions)

Nobody was arrested!

(Interruptions)

Nothing!

(Interruptions)

I am the one who reopened...

(Interruptions)

I am the one, Mr Speaker, Sir, who, with the help of the French Authorities....

(Interruptions)

I am the one who reopened...

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: Order, please! Order!

(Interruptions)

The Prime Minister: I am the one who reopened the enquiry.

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: I say order!

(Interruptions)

The Prime Minister: I am the one who reopened the enquiry! Secondly,...

(Interruptions)

Yes, but they closed the enquiry! He was killed. He died in 2003.

(Interruptions)

No! The Leader of the Opposition is just saying any rubbish.

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: I say order!

The Prime Minister: The Leader of the Opposition should accept that the person died in suspicious circumstances in 2003, not 2012, but 2003. There was an enquiry by the Police and then nothing happened.

(Interruptions)

It is only when I came back, Mr Speaker, Sir, in power...

(Interruptions)

I went to the French Authorities, I have told the French Authorities...

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: Order!

(Interruptions)

The Prime Minister: ...that there is not just the case of Indur, there is Bassin Blanc and other cases that have been closed.

(Interruptions)

And we want to see....

(Interruptions)

We want to go throughout not one case, but seven cases.

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: Order, please!

The Prime Minister: We want to see. So, that's it!

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: Hon Soodhun!

(Interruptions)

Time is over!

(Interruptions)

The Prime Minister: Sorry, Mr Speaker, Sir, there was a second part.

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: Alright!

The Prime Minister: I am sorry there was a second part to the question of the hon. Leader of the Opposition. As for the second case, as I said, Mr Speaker, Sir, since 2006 we have started...

(Interruptions)

We have not slept on it since 2006. But we must act on evidence. When we got evidence, he is in jail.

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: Alright! Time is over!

(Interruptions)

Order!

(Interruptions)

All right!

(Interruptions)

Alright now! Alright!

(Interruptions)

I want some silence. I have an announcement to make, please!

(Interruptions)

Hon. Bhagwan! I want some order. Otherwise, I will suspend the sitting, if Members don't keep quiet!

(Interruptions)

Hon. Bhagwan, please! With regard to the question ...

(Interruptions)

Silence! Hon Bhagwan and hon. Ms Deerpalsing, both of you, I want you to keep quiet! Listen to the announcement! The Table has been advised that all Parliamentary Questions on the Order Paper for today's sitting have been withdrawn. (APPENDIX)

(12.50 p.m.)

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

MITD - PHYSICAL INSTRUCTOR - ALLEGED CASE OF ABUSE

The Minister of Education and Human Resources (Dr. V. Bunwaree): Mr Speaker, Sir, with your permission, I wish to make a statement on an alleged case of abuse against a minor student by a Physical Instructor at the MITD and which was the subject matter of a PNQ by the hon. Leader of the Opposition last Saturday. In the course of which, the hon. Leader of the Opposition laid a copy of the report of the psychologist of the MITD in connection therewith.

After consultations with the hon. Prime Minister, Government has agreed to set up a Fact-Finding Committee chaired by a Magistrate for a comprehensive inquiry into this case of alleged abuse. The needful is being done.

(Interruptions)

Yes, Senior Magistrate!

Mr Speaker: Silence, please!

ADJOURNMENT

The Prime Minister: Mr Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do now adjourn to Thursday 22 November 2012 at 11.30 a.m.

The Deputy Prime Minister rose and seconded.

Question put and agreed to.

Mr Speaker: Hon. Members, arrangements have been made for lunch to be served earlier today. The House stands adjourned.

At 12.29 p.m. the Assembly was, on its rising, adjourned to Thursday 22 November 2012 at 11.30 a.m.

(APPENDIX)**PQs - WITHDRAWN**

- B/657 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Jhugroo)
*To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence,
Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for
Rodrigues:-*
Whether, in regard to the overseas missions he has undertaken, since
January 2012 to date, he will state
the number thereof, indicating in each case, the
(a) composition of the delegation (b) countries visited and (c)
purpose therefor?
- B/658 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and
Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)
*To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence,
Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for
Rodrigues:-*
Whether, in regard to drugs, he will, for the benefit
of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information
as to the number of arrests effected
in Constituency No. 3, Port Louis Maritime and
Port Louis East, in connection therewith, since May 2010 to-date,
indicating in each case the (a) type thereof seized (b) quantity thereof
and (c) value thereof?
- B/659 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr
Nagalingum)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to the Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) where matters stand as to the promotion exercise carried out in the grade of (i) Inspector of Police to that of Chief Inspector of Police and (ii) Chief Inspector of Police to that of Assistant Superintendent of Police and (b) if the temporary Police Inspectors will be confirmed in a substantive capacity, and if so, when?

B/660

The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to Mr G. C., he will state the assignments for which Government has retained his services, since July 2005 to date, indicating in each case, the (a) amount of fees paid and (b) number of visits he has effected to Mauritius in connection therewith, indicating the (i) durations thereof (ii) purposes therefor and (iii) expenditure incurred in terms of air tickets, hotels and other allowances?

B/661

The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Ms Anquetil)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to the air access policy, he will state if

Government proposes the review thereof to enable additional foreign air carriers to operate to and from Mauritius, in the wake of the coming into operation of the new airport terminal?

B/662 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Mr Seeruttun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to the case of a person against whom a warrant of arrest was issued, on or about 22 September 2012, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the Officers of the Police Station of Rivière des Anguilles received (a) instructions to execute the warrant and, if so, indicate if the said person was arrested, and if not, why not and (b) a phone call from a Minister in connection therewith?

B/663 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will state if he proposes to request the Board thereof to take remedial measures to redress the financial situation thereof, following the comments made by the Director of Audit in his last report?

B/664 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to firearms and ammunitions, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) number of firearm licences and employee permits issued as at to date, category-wise, indicating the number of applications therefor which are pending and (b) thereof seized for being held without licence or permit, over the past three years, indicating the actions taken, if any, to prevent the illegal entry thereof?

B/665

The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether he will state if Government will consider amending the Deportation Act with a view to providing for tougher penalties in the case of any person found guilty of conducting himself in a manner prejudicial to the peace, defence, public safety, public order, public morality, public health, security or good government of Mauritius, and if so, when?

B/666

The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to the domestic route to Rodrigues, with the coming into operation of the new terminal of the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will (a) state if Government

proposes to review the taxes applicable and (b) obtain from Airports of Mauritius Ltd., information as to if consideration will be given for the provision of (i) a fast track immigration service for check-in and (ii) duty free facilities either at departure at the SSR International Airport or on arrival at the Sir Charles Gaëtan Duval Airport?

B/667 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, he will state if Government will consider introducing legislation with a view to giving legal effect to a code of practice before the forthcoming municipal elections?

B/668 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Obeegadoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to the Mauritian Kreol, he will state if Government proposes to take measures to authorize and facilitate the formal use thereof in Government, public administration and social activities, including Parliament, local authorities, courts of law and applications for social security benefits, following the 2011 Population Census?

B/669 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence,

Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to contempt of court and of tribunal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of cases thereof being inquired into, since January 2012 to date?

B/670

The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to the road accident which occurred on Sunday 15 July 2012, along the NTR Callebasses Southbound, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the names of the (a) driver of the Porsche, indicating his age and if he held a valid driving licence and (b) passengers thereof (c) owner thereof and (d) private clinic in which the driver was admitted thereafter, indicating if an alcohol test was carried out thereat, and if so, when and the result thereof and, if not, why not?

B/671

The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to road accidents, he will state if Government proposes to introduce amendments to the existing legislation with a view to allowing the police to enter private clinics and request

doctors to perform alcotests and take blood samples for inquiry purposes?

B/672 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Ms Anquetil)

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

Whether, in regard to disabilities, she will state if her Ministry has compiled a statistics database therefor for mainland Mauritius and for Rodrigues and, if so, give details thereof, and if not, why not?

B/673 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Ms Anquetil)

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

Whether, in regard to persons with disabilities, she will state the measures taken by her Ministry to ensure the recruitment thereof, following the amendment brought to the Training and Employment of Disabled Persons Act?

B/674 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Ms Ribot)

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

Whether, in regard to the homes for the elderly, she will state the number (a) thereof which are registered as at to date, indicating the conditions attached for the registration thereof (b) thereof which have closed down, over the past five years, indicating in each case, the reasons therefor and (c) of officers available to carry out the inspection thereof?

B/675 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Ms Ribot)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether he will state the number of women who have benefitted from a shopping voucher of Rs1,500 for having joined a birth control programme, indicating in each case, the (a) age thereof (b) region to which they belong and(c) birth control method adopted?

B/676 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to Le Pavillon Swimming Pool, in Quatre Bornes, he will state (a) when it ceased to be in operation and (b) the amount earmarked for the repairs thereof, indicating the amount spent as at to date?

B/677 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the street lighting of motorways falling under the responsibility of the District and Municipal Councils, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from each council, information as to the monthly electricity bills therefor, since January 2011 to date, indicating the financial capacity of the councils to cope therewith and (b) state (i) if consideration will be given for the shifting of the responsibility thereof to the Road Development Authority and (ii) the reasons why the street lighting on the motorway to the South is intermittently out of order, indicating if

urgent remedial measures will be taken to avert risk of accidents?

B/678

The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare:-

Whether, in regard to the Child Development Unit, she will state if any restructuration thereof has been carried out, since August 2011 to date, to respond to the emerging social issues affecting the children?

B/679

The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare:-

Whether, in regard to the women, she will state the measures taken by her Ministry in the wake of the campaign initiated by the United Nations and the African continent to end violence against them?

B/680

The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Attorney General:-

Whether, in regard to the fines imposed on the accused parties, he will state if consideration will be given for amendments to be brought to the Criminal Procedure Act to extend the delay for the payment thereof?

B/681

The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Ibrahim Abdullah market fair, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to where matters stand in relation to the proposed reduction of the rental fees of the stall from Rs 800 to Rs 400?

B/682 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the 10th Indian Ocean Island Games scheduled for 2019, he will state the reasons why his Ministry did not submit the candidature of Mauritius for the organization thereof?

B/683 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the decision of his Ministry not to grant transport facilities to the high level athletes for training sessions, he will state reasons therefor?

B/684 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Li Kwong Wing)

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

Whether, in regard to foreign currency, he will state the amount thereof purchased lately by the Accountant General or any other Government Department, indicating, in each case (a) from which institution (b) the purpose therefor and (c) if prior consultations were held with the Bank of Mauritius and, if not, why not?

B/685 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Li Kwong Wing)

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

Whether, in regard to the Pay Research Bureau Report 2013, he will state the (a) total estimated amount for each broad income category of workers (b) impact of the implementation thereof on the (i) budget (ii) inflation rate and (iii) Government revenues and (c) implications thereof with regard to income inequality?

B/686 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Radegonde)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the Day Care Centres, he will give a list thereof located in Constituency No.14, Savanne and Black River, indicating the number of vulnerable families of the said constituency who have availed themselves of the facilities granted thereby?

B/687 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Radegonde)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the Corporate Social Responsibility, he will state the number of registered companies located in Constituency No. 4, Savanne and Black River which have contributed thereto (a) indicating the total amount of funds received therefrom, over the past five years and (b) give a list of the interventions/programmes that have qualified thereunder, indicating the total cost thereof?

B/688 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 maternal and new born mortality, she will state the number of mothers and newborns who have passed away over the past five years, indicating (a) the respective age thereof and (b) if inquiries have been carried out into the alleged cases of medical negligence, if any, and if so, indicate in each case, the outcome thereof and if same have been communicated to the families?

B/689 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the complaint of encroachment and noise pollution, reference 2668 and dated 01/06/2011, filed by one Ms L. A., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Vacoas/Phoenix, information as to the actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/690 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security:-

Whether, in regard to the stray dogs, he will state (a) if the methods used by the Mauritius Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the disposal thereof are in line with the international disposal standards therefor and (b) obtain from the Veterinary Council of Mauritius, information as to if it has queried the disposal

method used therefor, and asked for a report thereon, and if so, the outcome thereof?

B/691 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Dr Boolell)

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

Whether, in regard to the cough mixtures containing codeine and codeine-derivatives, he will state (a) if they are readily available in public hospitals and (b) the policy of his Ministry for the issue of import permits therefor to the private sector, indicating the (i) protocol for the distribution thereof by the importers and to the individual pharmacies, and (ii) monitoring effected, if any, for the prevention of dispensing abuse by the pharmacies?

B/692 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Mr Seeruttun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-

Whether, in regard to the foreign workers, he will state the number thereof currently working in Mauritius, category-wise and sector-wise, indicating their respective nationality, since 2010 to date?

B/693 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to the double taxation avoidance treaties, he will state if he has received requests for the renegotiation thereof, and if so, indicate in each case, the (a) name of the country (b) details of

the changes sought and (c) outcome thereof?

B/694

The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

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

Whether, in regard to the public schools, he will state the average expenditure incurred for the education of a student thereof, respectively at pre-primary, primary, secondary and tertiary levels, giving a breakdown thereof?

B/695

The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of the new subject *entrepreneurship* in the schools by the year 2013, he will state where matters stand, giving details thereof?

B/696

The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to the school uniforms, he will state if he will take measures to ensure that female students are allowed to wear a head scarf and trousers as part thereof and, if not, why not?

B/697

The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to Mr P. S., Chairperson of the Central Water Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the year of purchase of the car presently put at his disposal and the mileage thereof as at date, indicating if an order has been placed for the replacement thereof and, if so, indicate the price thereof?

B/698

The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Obeegadoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the building housing the Forum in Curepipe, he will state if he has been informed of the new initiatives taken for the (a) pulling down and the reconstruction thereof and (b) leasing out of the land on which stands the building and vested in the Municipal Council of Curepipe and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, in each case, information as to the (i) reasons therefor (ii) expected expenditure to be incurred/revenue to be accrued and (iii) timing thereof?

B/699

The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development:-

Whether, in regard to the Maurice Ile Durable Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to the (a) amount of money appropriated thereto, including the MID tax and grants from donor organisations (b) number of programmes implemented thereunder, indicating in each case, the costs thereof (c) amount of money disbursed by the Fund,

on a yearly basis, since the implementation thereof to date and (d) reasons as to why Mr V. J. is no longer the President of the Fund?

B/700

The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether he will state if his Ministry has received representations from the inhabitants of Pointe aux Sables to connect Le Peuplier Street to the newly constructed road access to La Tour Koenig to ease traffic from La Pointe to the City Centre and to the Plaines Wilhems, and if so, indicate the actions taken, if any, in relation thereto?

B/701

The Honourable Second 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 the La Tour Koenig Health Centre, he will state if there is any project for the improvement thereof and, if not, why not?

B/702

The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the construction of a football ground at Petit Camp, Phoenix, he will state where matters stand?

B/703 The Honourable First Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or (Mr Gungah)

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

Whether, in regard to the Seven Waterfalls Mountain Cable Car Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to if (a) the permits and licences applied for have been approved, indicating the date of submission thereof and (b) if the State Investment Corporation or any other State funding institution is investing therein?

B/704 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the pre-vocational streams in secondary schools, he will state if the promotion to Form IV will be effected in January 2013?

B/705 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security:-

Whether, in regard to the Sir Seewoosagur Botanic Garden, he will state if he has been informed of the severe degradation thereof, and if so, indicate the remedial measures taken, if any?

B/706 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry, Commerce and

Consumer Protection:-

Whether, in regard to Automatic Systems Ltd. and Globalsports Ltd., he will state if he has approved the decision of the Competition Commission to authorize the commingling of pools between these two companies?

B/707

The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology:-

Whether, in regard to the presentation of the Approach, Deployment, Results, Improvement Quality Assurance Model made to publicly funded tertiary education institutions during the Quality Assurance Committee meeting held on 19 October 2011, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tertiary Education Commission (a) copy thereof and table same (b) information as to (i) if same was approved by the management of the Commission (ii) the name of the officers involved in the preparation thereof, indicating their respective designations and qualifications and (iii) the name of the officer who made the presentation?

B/708

The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Mr Roopun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the new market at Central Flacq, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Moka Flacq, information as to (a) the number of stalls available, indicating the (i) terms and conditions of lease thereof and (ii) criteria and procedure followed for the allocation thereof (b) if it was informed

of an incident involving stall holders and members of the public requiring police intervention, indicating the nature thereof and (c) if it has received representations in relation to the allocation of the stalls thereat and if so, the actions taken in relation thereto?

B/709

The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(Mr Roopun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology:-

Whether, in regard to the B.Pharm course, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the University of Mauritius, information as to the (a) number of students enrolled therefor, over the past four years, indicating the number thereof who (i) successfully completed same and (ii) dropped out, following refusal of accreditation by the Pharmacy Board and (b) procedure followed (i) to assess the advisability for the running thereof and (ii) in designing the course structure, indicating the extent to which the support of relevant entities such as the Tertiary Education Commission, the Pharmacy Board and the Mauritius Qualification Authority were enlisted therefor?

B/710

The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the St Jean Road, in Quatre-Bornes, he will state if Government proposes to come up with a Master Plan to alleviate the hazards linked with the traffic congestion occurring thereat and in the vicinity thereof and if so, when and if not, why

not?

B/711

The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of the Terre Rouge-Verdun road, he will state the contractual date of completion thereof, indicating if there is variation works, and if so, the amount claimed and paid as at to date?

A/284

The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to the Belle Rose Market, along the Ollier Avenue, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if he has been informed of serious risks of accident thereat and in the vicinity thereof, due to traffic congestion and if so, indicate if consideration will be given for the posting thereat of Police Officers on Sundays?

A/285

The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Radegonde)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public

Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a new market fair at Chemin Grenier, near the village hall, he will state where matters stand?

A/286

The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Radegonde)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the Flic en Flac village, he will state if he has received representations regarding the advisability of providing for a second access road thereto and, if so, if consideration will be given thereto, indicating when same will be constructed and, if not, why not?

A/287

The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Dr Boolell)

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

Whether, in regard to the physiotherapists, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Medical Council, information as to the number thereof who are presently unemployed and (b) state the number of post therefor which is presently vacant in his Ministry, indicating if his Ministry proposes to come up with any project to cater for the practice of physiotherapy?

A/288

The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance

and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to the Assessment Review Committee, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Committee, information as to the number of cases lodged thereat, which are awaiting (a) hearing and (b) judgment, indicating in each case, the amount in dispute?

A/289

The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms:-

Whether, in regard to the civil service, he will state the number of persons recruited under delegated powers from the Public Service Commission, since 2005 to date, indicating the (a) Ministries and departments concerned (b) job titles and (c) methods of recruitment used?

A/290

The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Leisure:-

Whether, in regard to the application for the issue of a Pleasure Craft Licence by one Mr K. S. R., acting on behalf of Papa's Dream Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tourism Authority, information as to (a) when same was submitted (b) if a letter of intent has been issued to that effect and (c) if the licence has been issued and, if not, why not?

A/291

The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public

Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the leveling, upgrading and lighting of the football ground at Cité Loyseau, he will state where matters stand?

A/292

The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Ms Ribot)

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

Whether, in regard to the teachers of the primary and secondary schools, he will state the number of reported cases in which they have been victims of assault at their workplace, over the past five years, giving a breakdown thereof and indicating the measures his Ministry proposes to take to reinforce the security thereof thereat?

A/293

The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Li Kwong Wing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Information and Communication Technology:-

Whether, in regard to the Information and Communication Technology Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, since 2005 to date(a) a breakdown of the travel and related expenses incurred in respect of the (i) Executive Director thereof(ii) Chairperson thereof (iii) each Board Director thereof (iv) Permanent Secretary and any other officer of the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology and (b) total expenses incurred in sponsorship of various events, indicating the benefits derived therefrom, in each case?

A/294

The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière

(Mr Li Kwong Wing)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rs 3 billion line of credit provided for the Small and Medium Enterprises, he will state the total amount of credit facilities granted, since 2012 to date, indicating the amount granted for the (a) renewal of existing facilities (b) restructuring of existing facilities and (c) loans and overdrafts for new projects, sector-wise?

A/295

The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Agency for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Substance Abusers (NATReSA), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the name of the Chairperson thereof over the period 7 December 2000 to July 2005, indicating, during his term of office, the (a) salaries drawn and the fringe benefits to which he was entitled and (b) number of overseas missions he had undertaken, indicating in each case, the (i) countries visited(ii) composition of the delegation and (iii) expenditure incurred for payment of air tickets, *per diem* and other allowances?

A/296

The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 3, Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the

Central Water Authority, information as to if consideration will be given for the upgrading of the service reservoirs supplying water in the regions thereof, having regard to the increasing population thereof and, if not, why not?

A/297

The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the service reservoirs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, a list thereof, indicating the location thereof and the regions being supplied by each of them?