MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 23 November 2004

Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister

B/846 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether Government has set a poverty line and whether, after consultation with the Central Statistical Office and the Trust Fund for Vulnerable Groups and other groups involved in the matter, agreed on a definition of poverty in terms of daily earnings?

B/847 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Collendavelloo)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he has taken cognizance of the public statement made by the Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission on scenes of violence appearing in films broadcast on television and, if so, will he direct the MBC to censor such scenes from films shown on television?

B/848 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Jeetah)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to Advisers recruited by Government, he will give the total expenditure incurred thereon for the month of September 2004?
B/849 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Jeetah)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he will give the total number of overseas trips undertaken by all Government Ministers since September 2000 to date?

B/850 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Chumroo)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to foreign trips undertaken by the members of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly since their being sworn in to date, he will (a) give a list of such foreign trips, indicating the sums earmarked and the sums spent on such trips and their respective outcome and (b) say if his authority is sought prior to the trips being undertaken?

B/851 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether Government has decided to submit a report on the Aapravasi Ghat to the UNESCO for consideration as a world heritage site and, if so, will he give the reasons thereof?

B/852 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he will state if any study has been carried out on the incidence of HIV/AIDS amongst drug addicts, and, if so, the results thereof?
The Honourable Third Member for Grand’Baie and Poudre d’Or (Mr Dulloo)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he will state if Government has taken any decision to recruit on contract a foreign national as Commissioner of Prisons and, if so, (a) what are the terms and conditions of the contract (b) the progress achieved so far and (c) whether there have been prior consultations in relation thereto?

The Honourable Third Member for Grand’Baie and Poudre d’Or (Mr Dulloo)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he will state if he has had meetings and consultations with the fishermen of Port Louis, Pointe aux Sables and Albion with regard to pollution and development works and their sequels in the Port Louis and Western regions and, if so, what has been the outcome thereof?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than the Honourable Prime Minister

The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

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

Whether he is aware that our lagoons are being polluted by beach hotels and, if so, will he state the steps taken by his Ministry to protect same and ascertain the situation now prevailing at the Berjaya Hotel and inform the House thereon?
B/856  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

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

Whether he is aware of cases of malpractice or negligence against Government Medical Officers and, if so, will he set up a panel, independent of his Ministry, to investigate into such cases and, for the period October 2003 to September 2004, inform the House of the number of such cases (a) received (b) referred to the Medical Council and (c) heard by the Medical Disciplinary Tribunal and their outcome?

B/857  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, ascertain (a) whether the members of the Managing Committee of the Federation of Body Builders Association (FBBA) are representatives of members of clubs registered with the Registrar of Associations as per the Sports Act and (b) whether the committee is a beneficiary of grants from Government and, if so, the amount disbursed to date?

B/858  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Scientific Research:-

Whether, in regard to the HSC Arts and Design examinations, he will state if public school and private candidates are examined on the same syllabus and, if not, will he (a) give the reasons thereof and (b) state the implications of such disparity generally and especially in relation to scholarships, application for university seats and jobs?
B/859  The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport:-

Whether the Traffic Management Unit has carried out a survey on Serret Street, Curepipe, with a view to extending safety measures to road users, especially children attending St Jean Bosco School and, if so, will he state (a) the outcome of the survey (b) if provision for the installation of traffic lights near Hi-Ping Store has been made (c) whether any solution to remove the blind corner at the Serret/Malherbes Streets junction has been worked out and (d) whether any provision has been made for pavement along Serret Street?

B/860  The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Solid Waste Management:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the Municipal Council of Curepipe as to whether a tender exercise for the construction of a social hall at Les Casernes has been completed and, if so, will he further ascertain (a) the company to which the contract has been awarded (b) when construction works are scheduled to start (c) the total cost of the project and, (d) the date of its completion?

B/861  The Honourable Second Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Mr Gungah)

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

Whether he will state the progress achieved on the construction of a children’s park at Cap Malheureux, near the NHDC complex?
B/862  The Honourable Second Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Mr Gungah)

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

Whether a plot of land has been made available on lease to his Ministry by the Compagnie Sucrière de St Antoine Ltée and, if so, will he report progress on the construction of a new Area Health Centre in Goodlands, near the new traffic centre?

B/863  The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Sakaram)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Scientific Research:-

Whether, in regard to the Additional Laureates Scheme, he will state (a) the quantum of the allowances granted to the additional laureates and the number of beneficiaries per year (b) the rate of the pound sterling in Mauritian rupees when the Scheme was introduced and its present rate (c) whether he will make the necessary adjustments so that beneficiaries can meet the high cost of living in the United Kingdom and table a copy of the report of the Tertiary Education Commission on the above matter?

B/864  The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Sakaram)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport:-

Whether, in regard to the existing rainstorm drains along classified roads across the island, he will (a) state the steps taken for the removal of accumulated soil and rubbish and the cleaning of such drains and (b) set up a unit to monitor and follow-up the works before the heavy summer rainfall?
The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

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

Whether, in regard to the removal of sand from the lagoon, he will state (a) the number of sites in respect of which permission has been granted for the removal of sand (b) the reasons for such grants and the purpose thereof (c) the amount of sand removed during the last 2 years and (d) the use made of the sand so removed?

The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Collendavelloo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will state if there have been inquiries and/or reports on the effect of boreholes on the water situation in the water cress plantations of the Trois Boutiques/Union Vale area and say what steps have been taken to restore water to these plantations?

The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will say if social aid is, in case of prolonged illness (a) paid to a male employee and (b) not paid to a female employee?

The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Labelle)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the National Youth Council, he will (a) state the present mechanism for representation thereon and (b) give the number of meetings held by the Council during the last two years and the average attendance at those meetings?

Parliamentary Questions
B/869  The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Jeetah)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands and Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises, Handicraft and the Informal Sector:-

Whether, in regard to land compulsorily acquired for the South Eastern Highway project, he will state (a) the number of cases involved (b) whether all the cases have been settled to the satisfaction of the parties concerned and, if not, why not and (c) whether any objection or complaint has been received and, if so, the remedial actions, if any, taken?

B/870  The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Jeetah)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Scientific Research:-

Whether, having regard to the forthcoming college admissions exercise, he will give an updated list of colleges operating in Mauritius, with details of (a) student population and (b) SC and/or HSC results for the last two years?

B/871  The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Hookoom)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Fisheries:-

Whether any compensation has been proposed to the fishermen of the Mahebourg and Grand Port regions and, if so, will he state if any promise has been made to them since 2001 as to the quantum of such compensation and whether complaints from fishermen on that issue have been received?
B/872  The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Hookoom)

**To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Solid Waste Management:-**

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to whether local authorities have imposed a new tax or duty on vehicles and, if so, will he ascertain (a) the nature thereof (b) the statutory authority pursuant to which same is being imposed and (c) the date on which the new tax or duty was imposed and whether he will use his good offices for the benefit of the motor vehicle owners to have the tax or duty removed?

B/873  The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Hookoom)

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

Whether international affiliation fees of all sports federations in Mauritius are being paid by the Mauritius Sports Council and, if not, why not?

B/874  The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Hookoom)

**To ask the Honourable Minister of Fisheries:-**

Whether he is aware that three fishermen, namely Jocelyn Genave, Antoine Félicité and Backey Nathan Victor have disappeared at sea and, if so, will he state what actions, if any, have been taken or are being taken in order to find them?
B/875 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Chumroo)

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

Whether, in regard to the cremation ground at Boulingrin, Long Mountain, he will state (a) whether land is available therefor (b) the amount earmarked therefor and (c) when the works will start and are likely to be completed?

B/876 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to our water resources, he will give details regarding the situation which now obtains and the forecast of his Ministry and of the CWA on the issue?

B/877 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether he will state the progress achieved to date on the project relating to the extension of the La Tour Koenig Health Centre?

B/878 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Paya)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands and Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises, Handicraft and Informal Sector:

Whether a committee has been set up by his Ministry to review the various infrastructural works to be undertaken at the NHDC Housing Estates at Atlee regarding (a) the water supply network (b) the public sewerage network and (c) any other amenities?
B/879  The Honourable Third Member for Grand’Baie and Poudre d’Or  
(Mr Dulloo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he has received complaints from the inhabitants of Port Louis regarding the interruption of water supply for continuous periods of more than 24 hours and, if so, will he make a statement thereon and say if the additional water resources from the Midlands Dam have been made available to the regions of Plaine Verte, Vallée Pitot, Vallée des Prêtres and La Cure and, if not, why not?

B/880  The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

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

Whether he will state if the factory area of Mon Loisir will be modified following the closure of the Mon Loisir sugar factory?

B/881  The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Dr Issimdar)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of increasing the allowances paid to teachers of religious schools?

B/882  The Honourable Third Member for Grand’Baie and Poudre d’Or  
(Mr Dulloo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Scientific Research:-

Whether he will state if there have been consultations with Managers of Private Secondary Schools and their Federation on
the terms and conditions of the introduction of pre-vocational classes and, if so, what has been the outcome thereof?

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A/68  The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Sakaram)

To ask the Honourable of Housing and Lands and Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises, Handicraft and the Informal Sector:-

Whether, in regard to the plot of land situate along Sivananda Avenue, Allée Brillant near Sadaly Housing Estate, he will state (a) if procedures have been initiated to compulsorily acquire the land and, if so, where matters now stand and (b) whether that plot of land can be converted into a leisure space with all the necessary infrastructure and equipment?

A/69  The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

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

Whether he has received a petition from the forces vives of Pointe aux Sables to have the project for the construction of drains in the region of the fish landing station stopped and whether his Ministry has carried out any study with a view to ascertaining that the site is a natural outlet of water during the heavy rainfall seasons and, if so, will he arrange for that portion of land to be maintained in its natural state?

A/70  The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport:-

Whether he is in presence of a request made in January 2003 for the transfer of the Cité Vallijee Taxi stand from Mozart Avenue
to Wagner Street and, if so, will he state (a) if any study has been conducted thereon and whether the inconveniences and advantages have been assessed and (b) the final decision of his Ministry regarding the said transfer?

A/71

The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Chumroo)

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

Whether the project for a community centre at Crève Coeur has been approved at his Ministry and, if so, will he state whether the opening thereof has been scheduled?

A/72

The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Chumroo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Solid Waste Management:

Whether he will state the progress achieved so far on the construction of a bridge on Blackburn Road?

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