MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 04 April 2006

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

B/75 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, ascertain from the relevant authorities if the Director of Public Prosecutions was convened to a meeting by the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice and Human Rights in the latter’s office?

B/76 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police information as to whether equipment for DNA tests have been purchased and, if so, (a) when (b) the cost thereof and (c) the number of tests effected locally to date?
B/77  The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to the circumstances in which prisoner J. C. M. was released instead of prisoner J. D. M.?

B/78  The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the MBC, information as to whether one Ms N. S. B. is employed thereon a contractual basis and, if so, (a) since when and the duration of the contract, indicating its terms and conditions with a breakdown of the salary and other allowances payable (b) whether she has been paid any overtime and, if so, the amount thereof since she took up employment and (c) whether it is proposed to renew her contract and, if so, why?

B/79  The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether, in regard to the South Eastern Highway Project, he will state (a) where matters stand (b) the number of times the Environmental Monitoring Committee has met and (c) when the project is scheduled to be completed?
B/80 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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

Whether he will impress upon the Commissioner of Police the need to have policemen posted outside all schools during peak traffic hours, especially immediately after school hours?

B/81 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he is aware that in 2004 a report on the conditions prevailing at the Beau Bassin Central Prisons was submitted to the then Prime Minister and, if so, will he state what remedial actions were subsequently taken, if any?

B/82 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

Whether he will state if it is proposed to reform the present electoral system?
B/83  The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

Whether he is aware of the societal problems prevailing in the vicinity of the commercial centre at La Tour Koenig and, if so, will he impress upon the Commissioner of Police the need for regular police patrols to be carried out thereat?

B/84  The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)

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

Whether he will state (a) Government policy regarding recruitment in the Civil Service and the Police Department and (b) if any new recruitment is envisaged?

B/85  The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the relevant authorities, information as to the number of prisoners arrested for crimes resulting in death of people and who have been released on bail since July 2005?
B/86 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Lucchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the death of the detainee J. P. I., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether any objection was raised by the Police or any other authority to the carrying out of a counter post mortem examination at the request of the family and, if so, the reasons thereof?

B/87 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Air Mauritius, information as to whether the Company granted free air tickets in the context of the organization of the Zee TV Awards and, if so, will he table a list of the beneficiaries?

B/88 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether, in regard to the incident which took place in New Grove on or about 29 January 2006, involving Mrs M. L. S. and as a result of which she made a formal declaration and statement to the Police, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether the lady was ill-treated and insulted by certain Police Officers in the course of the inquiry and, if so, will he state what measures will be taken to prevent such recurrence?
B/89 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (Mr Nancy)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether, on or about 25 February 2006, an accident involving a police vehicle occurred at Baie des Lascars and, if yes, whether an inquiry was carried out to establish the cause of the accident and the outcome thereof?

B/90 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (Mr Nancy)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether, on or about 23 March 2006, an accident involving a police vehicle bearing the number 2694 JU 01 occurred at Anse aux Anglais and, if yes, (a) the name of the driver of the said vehicle (b) if the case was reported on the same day and (c) if an inquiry was carried out to establish the cause of the accident and the outcome thereof?
Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands

B/91 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Rose Belle Sugar Estate, information as to whether it has recently placed a sum of Rs 50m on fixed deposit at the First City Bank?

B/92 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Rose Belle Sugar Estate, information as to whether samples of herbicides purchased from Kripsen & Co. have been sent to the MSIRI and other laboratories for analysis regarding quality?

B/93 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Chikungunya disease, he will state if any survey has been carried out to determine the number of students and teachers of schools and colleges who have been affected by the disease?
B/94 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether, in regard to H5N1 Bird-Flu, he will state if (a) any survey has been carried out to determine the number of (i) poultry farms in the vicinity of the Terre Rouge Estuary (ii) inhabitants and workers who are regularly in close contact with the poultries (b) the inhabitants of the area have been advised to report to the relevant authorities any case of suspected death of chicken and (c) if it is proposed to set up a fund to compensate the owners in case of urgent culling of the chicken?

B/95 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes, information as to whether the Council has recently adopted a resolution for the creation of a private police security service and, if so, whether other Municipal and District Councils will be encouraged to set up a similar service?

B/96 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, state if on Friday 03 February 2006 during a speech he delivered at the Sport Gala Night he described the representatives of sports federations as ‘pigeons voyageurs’?
To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the 2007 Indian Ocean Games which will be held in the Republic of Madagascar, he will state (a) if the meeting of the CIJ took place between 24 and 27 February 2006 (b) if the inclusion of badminton as the 16th game item was on the agenda of the CIJ meeting and the outcome of the meeting (c) what is the official stand of Mauritius on the badminton issue and (d) his stand on the initiative taken by the Secretary General of the African Badminton Federation in this respect?

B/98 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the CEB, information as to whether it has contracted any loan/s from the Agence Française de Développement and, if so, (a) will he state the amount and the reasons thereof (b) the rate of interest payable and (c) whether there has been any overpayment and, if so, the number of loans in respect of which there has been overpayment, indicating in each case (i) the amount involved and (ii) the steps taken to recover the amount overpaid?

B/99 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd the following information (a) the names of the Director and the Deputy Director (b) their respective date of appointment and (c) the salary scale in each of the abovementioned post prior and post July 2005?

B/100 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)
To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether Government proposes to control the prices of the fertilizers Calcium Ammonium Nitrate, 17-8-24, 17-8-26?

B/101 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether in regard to the National Equity Fund, he will for the period July 2005 to date state the number of applications for funding (a) received (b) approved (c) the total sum disbursed in each case together with the terms and conditions attached and (d) the guarantees furnished by each recipient?

B/102 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Co-operation:-

Whether he will state if any officer posted at our Embassy in New York has been recalled following the visit of Dr the Honourable Prime Minister to Washington in February 2006 and, if so, the reasons thereof?

B/103 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether he will state if he has received any application for the closure of sugar factories and, if so, whether any deadline has been set for such closure and the measures that have been taken for the forthcoming harvest in respect of these factories?
B/104  The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, with a view to empowering principals of Government and Aided Primary Schools and Government Secondary Schools to maintain discipline, he will consider the advisability of amending the relevant regulations to provide for the setting up of disciplinary committees at the level of each of these educational institutions to deal with cases of serious misconduct and with power to suspend and expel students and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/105  The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether he is aware that a number of serious road accidents including fatal ones have occurred at the junction of Quartier Militiare Road, leading to St Julien d’Hotman road near the bridge commonly known as Pont Madame Françoise and, if so, will he consider making arrangements for widening the road and placing traffic lights thereat and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/106  The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he will state when the football ground at l’Espérance, Quartier Militaire will be handed over to the relevant authorities for use?

B/107  The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)
To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-

Whether he will state if it is proposed to review the Labour Act and in particular to provide for more flexible conditions of employment?

B/108 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether he will state if it is proposed to replace the Industrial Relations Act and, if so, when?

B/109 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether he will state if it is proposed to set up a Redundancy Fund, especially for the workers in the EPZ sector?

B/110 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the EPZ sector, he will state the number of persons who have lost employment from July 2005 to February 2006, indicating the number of persons who have been placed in alternative employment?

B/111 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)
To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, in regard to the Anahita IRS Project of the Ciel Group, he will state if he met the association of fishermen of the region, indicating the subject of the discussion and the outcome thereof?

B/112

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

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

Whether, in regard to the last appointment exercise of Deputy Rectors, he will table a list of the selected candidates, indicating their respective qualifications?

B/113

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

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

Whether, he will state if his Ministry has prepared a “Primary Subject Roadmap Plan” and, if so, will he state whether the matter has been discussed with all stakeholders?

B/114

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

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

Whether, in regard to the sites occupied by squatters whose situations have been regularized, he will state where matters stand regarding the provision of road networks, water and electricity?

B/115

The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)
To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, in regard to artisanal or group of fishermen, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the DBM Ltd., the number thereof who have been granted loans for the purchase of semi or fully industrialized vessels since July 2005 and (b) state the number of licences issued to these fishermen?

B/116 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state if it is proposed to resume possession of two plots of land situated in Vallée des Prêtres (behind the dog pound), allocated to socio-religious associations and, if so, the reasons thereof?

B/117 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether it is proposed to reduce the waste water tariff for the inhabitants of the “cités ouvrières”?

B/118 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment information as to (a) the composition of its board of management, indicating the allowances payable to each of them and (b) the date of the last and next board meetings?

B/119 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)
To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Services Promotion Agency information as to (a) the composition of its board of management, indicating the allowances payable to each of them and (b) the date of the last and next board meetings?

B/120 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the appointment of a part time medical practitioner he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Ports Authority the following information (a) the date on which the post was advertised and the closing date for submission of applications (b) the qualifications and other requirements specified in the advertisement (c) the name of the successful candidate, indicating (i) his qualifications and age and (ii) whether he applied within the time limit and was interviewed?

B/121 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mardemootoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women’s Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer Protection:-

Whether, in regard to the shelter for children at Albion, she will state if the enquiry conducted last year following allegations concerning malpractices thereat has now been completed and, if yes, the outcome thereof?

B/122 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mardemootoo)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Women’s Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer Protection:-

Whether, in regard to the shelter for children at Albion, she will state for the year 2005 (a) the names of the tenderers for the management of the shelter and (b) the amount spent for its running?

B/123 The Honourable Third Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Mr Guttee)

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

Whether he is aware that there has been an increase in the number of patients attending the casualties department of our hospitals and, if so, will he consider the advisability of opening the area health centres on week ends and public holidays?

B/124 The Honourable Third Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Mr Guttee)

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

Whether he is aware that a number of houses in Pereybère were flooded during the recent heavy rainfalls and, if so, will he state what remedial measures were taken in the short term and will be taken in the long term?

B/125 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he will state if any survey of existing sporting facilities has been carried out in Constituency No. 13 (Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac), indicating the measures that would be taken to improve the existing
sporting facilities in Rivière des Anguilles, l’Escalier, Bois Chéri and Souillac?

B/126 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether he will state if a survey has recently been carried out to assess the state of the infrastructure of the state-owned schools in Constituency No. 13 (Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac) and, if so, will he state the outcome thereof, indicating what is being done to address the present state of affairs?

B/127 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether he will state what measures will be taken to provide medical facilities to the residents of La Flora, Grand Bois and Bois Chéri in their region?

B/128 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether he will state if it is proposed to construct a waterfront in Souillac and, if so, when and, if not, why not?
B/129  The Honourable Second Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Mr Rucktooa)

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

Whether he will state if the school curricula will be amended with a view to increasing the awareness of human rights principles by students?

B/130  The Honourable Second Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Mr Rucktooa)

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

Whether it is proposed to set up a Human Rights Centre and, if so, when?

B/131  The Honourable Second Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Mr Rucktooa)

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

Whether he is aware that many bus stop signs have been erected along Bois d’Oiseaux Road, Poudre d’Or and, if so, will he state (a) by whom and when and (b) the reasons thereof?

B/132 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

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

Whether he is aware that a number of houses at Cité La Cure, Port Louis were flooded during the recent heavy rainfalls and the cyclone Diwa and, if so, will he state what remedial measures are envisaged?

B/133  The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether he is aware of the flooding that took place during the cyclone Diwa at Impasse Eugène, Le Hochet and, if so, will he state what remedial measures are envisaged?

B/134 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

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

Whether he is aware of the problems faced by the inhabitants of Crève Coeur along the road from “Pied La Fourche” to the “Bus Terminus” because of the curb and the narrowness of the road and, if so, what remedial measures are envisaged?

B/135 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of requesting schools’ staff to supervise the orderly exit of students from school premises in order to prevent accidents which may occur due to chaotic runs for buses parked outside school premises?

B/136 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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

Whether he will state if, with the collaboration of the Municipality of Quatre Bornes, it is proposed to redesign the central bus station in Quatre Bornes?
B/137 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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

Whether it is proposed to introduce a structured and comprehensive school based curriculum having a culturally sensitive, age-appropriate, accurate and a non-judgmental education about sexuality as well as HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases?

B/138 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Husnoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state if a plot of land has been identified for the building of a mediclinic in Plaine Verte and, if so, where it is situated, indicating if it has been vested in the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life and if not, why not?

B/139 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he is aware of the unhygienic conditions prevailing at the compound of the Mon Trésor Mon Désert Primary school in Constituency No. 12 and, if so, will he state what remedial measures have been or will be taken?

B/140 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether, in regard to the Chikungunya disease in Mahebourg in Constituency No. 12, he will state (a) the number of cases recorded to date (b) the treatment provided (c) the measures taken to prevent the spread of
the disease to other villages of the constituency and (d) where matters stand to date?

B/141 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he will state if he has received requests for the setting up of a Redundancy Fund and, if so, will he state where matters stand?

B/142 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Bundhoo)

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

Whether he has been made aware of the difficulties being faced by the public and students, in particular, with regard to the public transport in the region of Trou d’Eau Douce and Grand River South East and, if so, will he state what remedial measures will be taken?

B/143 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women’s Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer Protection:-

Whether she will state the measures taken by her Ministry following the alleged sexual assault of a pregnant lady at New Grove in January last?

B/144 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women’s Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer Protection:-

Whether she will state if it is proposed to dismantle the Foster Care Project and, if so, the reasons thereof?
B/145 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midl ands (Mrs Martin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Corporation information as to the number of applications received for an NHDC house from people against whom an eviction order has been issued?

B/146 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midl ands (Mrs Martin)

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

Whether he will state if it is proposed to grant licences for the operation of jet skis in our lagoons?

B/147 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midl ands (Mrs Martin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether following the nomination of the new president of the National Heritage Fund Board he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of times and the dates on which the Board has met and the outcome thereof?

B/148 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

Whether, in regard to the difference in the selling prices of Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) for domestic use and industrial use, he will state whether measures if any, have been taken to prevent the use of domestic LPG for industrial purposes?
B/149 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women’s Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer Protection:-

Whether, in regard to the activities organized in the context of the International Women’s Day, she will state if a video clip entitled “Celebrating the Achievements of Women” was produced and, if so, will she give the list of producers and/or audio visual companies who were invited to submit quotations, indicating the name of the successful bidder and the contract value?

B/150 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Cuttaree)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Co-operation:-

Whether he will state the position of Mauritius on the discussions taking place at the World Trade Organisation and the World Intellectual Property Organisation on the issue of bio-piracy in the African region?

B/151 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Cuttaree)

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

Whether, in regard to the renovation of the market fair at Plaisance, Rose Hill, he will state the date on which the tender was awarded and the expected date of completion?
B/152  The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the admission to the “National Colleges” in 2007, he will state what are the parameters set by his Ministry for the selection exercise?

B/153  The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will give the number of students admitted to the Queen Elizabeth College, the Royal College Curepipe and the Royal College Port Louis in January 2006, indicating the number of students who will be admitted at each of these colleges in January 2007, following the transformation of these schools into “National Colleges”?

B/154  The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

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

Whether he will state if the practice of issuing slaughter permits by veterinarians prior to the slaughtering of animals at the slaughter house has been abandoned and, if so, the reasons thereof?

B/155  The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state the measures taken for the allocation of plots of land to victims of fire in the Constituency No. 3, indicating if these measures will be extended to victims of fire throughout the island?
B/156  The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether he will state if the handrails on the motorway at the level of the St Louis Power Station will be removed so as to give access to vehicles coming from Port Louis towards Camp Chapélon and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/157  The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether he is aware of the persisting pollution in the region from Pointe aux Sables up to Tombeau Bay and, if so, will he state if it is proposed to grant additional compensation to fishers of the region?

B/158 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will state the measures, if any, being taken to shorten the delay in obtaining the results of the test effected on pregnant women affected by the Chikungunya disease?

B/159 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will state the dates on which larvicides were spread at the following Government schools – Réunion, Hugh Otter Barry, Révérend Espitalier Noël, SSS Floreal,
Henrietta, Aryan Vedic, indicating the lifespan of the larvicides treatment?

B/160 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will state where matters stand regarding the “Centre de Formation Artistique” situated at Paillote?

B/161 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women’s Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer Protection:-

Whether she will state if it is proposed to provide any form of support to the SOS Femmes organization?

B/162 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether he will give a list of Advisers attached to his Ministry and who also sit on different Boards, indicating the emoluments they draw?

B/163 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether he will state if it is proposed to review the modalities for free transport of senior citizens and students and, if so, will he state what new measures will be introduced?
B/164  The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the University of Mauritius, information as to whether full time B.A courses in Telegu and Marathi are being offered for the academic year starting September 2006 and, if not, why not?

B/165  The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether, in regard to the CPE Examinations for each of the years 2004, 2005 and 2006, he will state the number of pupils taking (a) five subjects and (b) six subjects, indicating in each case the subjects offered?

B/166  The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether she will give the number of street children identified since July 2005 todate, indicating what action has been taken to address the issue?

B/167  The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government: -

Whether he will state if it is proposed to construct a new market at Beau Bassin on the premises of the existing one and, if so, will he state when and, if not, why not?
B/168 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he has been made aware of the problem faced by the inhabitants of Morcellement Hermitage, Coromandel as a result of the damage to the main access road also called Chemin La Mort and, if so, will he state what remedial measures will be taken?

B/169 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

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

Whether he will state if there is any drainage policy for Constituency No. 20 and, if so, will he state when works are likely to start, indicating the regions concerned?

B/170 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the land drainage programme, he will state (a) the number of projects approved and under implementation as at 01 July 2005, indicating the total contract value (b) the projects approved from 01 August 2005 to date, stating the number of contracts awarded constituency-wise and (c) if any application has been made to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development for additional funds, stating the amount and if same has been approved and, if yes, when and, if not, why not?

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Sitting of Tuesday 04 April 2006

A/2 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivièrè (Mr Naidu)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the Hervé Duval Community Centre, Beau Bassin, which was inaugurated in December 2005, he will state the reason why the centre is still not open to the public?

A/3 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to works actually in progress at Cité Borstal on the sewerage network, he will state (a) when the tender exercise was advertised (b) the name of the successful tenderer (c) when works started and (d) the expected date of completion?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

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Port Louis
29 March 2006