

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 01 March 2005

Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister

B/143 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the MBC information as to whether it has recently purchased two cars for outside broadcast and, if in the affirmative, will he state (a) the costs thereof (b) the name of the supplier (c) whether the cars are new, secondhand or converted vehicles and (d) whether both cars have been found suitable for the purpose for which they were bought and, if not, will he say if the cars or the technical equipment on board have been modified and, if so, at what cost?

B/144 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 he will state if Government will consider the creation of a Special Relief Fund to provide assistance to persons whose property has been sold before the Master's Court through the procedure of Sale by Levy?

B/145 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain for the last three years, a list of cases where properties sold by the procedure of Sale by Levy before the Master's Court have been acquired by banking institutions?

B/146 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Michel)

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

Whether he will state if it is proposed to privatize one of the channels of the MBC and, if so, when?

B/147 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Paya)

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

Whether he will state if, during his recent official visit to the People's Republic of China, an agreement was signed between the Government of the Republic of Mauritius and the Government of the People's Republic of China for a line of credit of Rs 150 million, stating (a) the rate of interest applicable and (b) the projects to be financed from that line of credit?

B/148 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 the Advisers recruited by Government, he will give the expenditure incurred on their remuneration for the month of January 2005?

B/149 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, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police the following information in regard to the two suspects detained at La Tour Koenig Police station in connection with the alleged MCB hold up of 11 February 2005 (a) the name of the suspects (b) the duration and conditions of their detention (c) whether any complaint has been registered against any Police officer who had requested that the detainees be kept in different cells and, if yes, action, if any, taken against the Police Officer and (d) whether he will table copies of all entries in relation thereto made in the Occurrence Book and the Diary Book?

B/150 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 a license to operate a casino at Rose Belle has been granted and, if so, will he state (a) the date of the application and the date it was granted (b) whether Police clearance was obtained (c) whether representatives of the inhabitants of the region have been consulted (d) whether the social and security aspects have been taken into consideration (e) the name of the applicant, the promoters and the licensee and (f) the terms and conditions of the said licence?

B/151 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 the amount paid by way of fees, as from January 2001 to date, to former Judges for services provided to Ministries and Parastatal Bodies?

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

B/152 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the CWA the following information in regard to the water supply to Morcellement Nana, Upper Bangladesh, Port Louis (a) the number of families supplied (b) the number of taps (c) the hours of supply and (d) the monthly average volume of water supplied?

B/153 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, in regard to foreign doctors employed by his Ministry during the past 3 years, he will state (a) the method of recruitment and (b) if it has been ascertained from their applications whether they were entitled to practise in their country of origin at the time of recruitment?

B/154 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Training, Skills Development, Productivity and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to the training programmes intended for the unemployed (a) who have not passed the CPE and (b) who have studied up to Form V, he will state (i) when these were advertised (ii) the number of applications received in each category and (iii) the number of trainees who have successfully completed their courses?

B/155 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

The Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether he will state if the practice of burning sugar cane fields is in violation of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and, if so, will he consider imposing a ban thereon?

B/156 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Leisure:-

Whether he will table a list of the new hotel projects in the region of Balaclava, indicating (a) whether the views of the relevant authorities have been sought and obtained and (b) the names of the promoters?

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

The Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether he will state if it is proposed to construct drains at Moussa Lane, Seeyan Lane, Route Martinet and its vicinity at Pont Saint Louis No. 1, Pailles?

B/158 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of tabling a list of Mauritian investors including companies and individuals operating in the Republic of Madagascar, indicating the nature of their activities and the number of Mauritian workers employed by each of them?

B/159 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources:-

Whether he will table a list of prime agricultural land which has, since January 2001, been converted for use for (a) non-sugar sector agricultural diversification and (b) residential purposes?

B/160 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources:-

Whether he will state if the equipment at the Rose Belle Milling Plant is being dismantled and, if so, will he state (a) if a tender exercise was carried out and, if so, the

name of the successful tenderer (b) the composition of the Tender Evaluation Committee, if any, and (c) the contract value thereof?

B/161 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Chumroo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands and Minister of Fisheries:-

Whether he will state if procedures have been initiated for the compulsory acquisition of land for the construction of a bus terminus at Camp La Boue, Long Mountain and at Crève Coeur and, if so, will he state (a) since when and (b) when the land will be handed over to the appropriate authorities for works to start?

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

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

Whether he will state if there is any project for the renovation of the Chitrakoot Government School at Long Mountain?

B/163 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Michel)

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

Whether following the enactment of the Genetically Modified Organisms Act, he will state (a) what steps have been taken so far to label genetically modified products for human consumption on the local market (b) whether his Ministry has so far received any request for the production in Mauritius of genetically modified crops and (c) whether any specialized laboratory has been set up in this respect?

B/164 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Michel)

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

Whether, in regard to the 'kreol' language, he will state (a) if a pilot scheme to introduce 'kreol' as a medium of teaching has been initiated at the beginning of this year (b) the content and duration of the scheme and (c) the schools, if any, where the scheme is being implemented?

B/165 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

The Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether he will state if there is any project for the setting up of a market fair at Pointe aux Sables and, if so, will he give details thereof?

B/166 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, following the recent heavy rainfalls, he will give information on the present water situation in each of the reservoirs?

B/167 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Paya)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources :-

Whether he will state if he has received a request for the vesting of a portion of land at Cité Joachim, Curepipe presently vested in his Ministry in the Ministry of Environment and National Development Unit for a leisure park project and, if so, will he state where matters stand?

B/168 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Hookoom)

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

Whether he will state if any control is exercised on the importation and sale of generic drugs, indicating if quality testing is carried out and, if so, where and how and, if not, will he say if it is proposed to set up a laboratory for quality control?

B/169 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Sakaram)

To ask the Honourable of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources:-

Whether he will give details of the insurance scheme set up for small vegetable growers, indicating the number of planters who have so far enlisted themselves therewith?

B/170 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Jeetah)

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

Whether he will table a list of all the overseas missions he has undertaken since his assumption of office, indicating the duration of each mission and the amount of *per diem* paid out to him?

B/171 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Dr Issimdar)

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

Whether he will state the facilities in terms of hi-tech medicine provided to patients in our hospitals for each of the periods January 1995 to September 2000 and September 2000 to date?

B/172 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Dr Issimdar)

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

Whether he will table a list of (a) hospitals and health centres constructed and (b) projects for renovation works for each of the periods January 1995 to September 2000 and September 2000 to date?

B/173 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Michel)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether she will now state when a copy of the new UNESCO rules governing the submission of nomination dossier for consideration as World Heritage sites will be tabled?

B/174 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Paya)

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

Whether he will state the number of expatriates presently working in the hotel industry, indicating if there is any limit on the duration of their stay in Mauritius?

B/175 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Hookoom)

The Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether he will provide the following information regarding the 'Amphitheatre Promenade' Project at Rivière du Rempart (a) the name of the contractor (b) the cost of the project and (c) whether the works have been discontinued and, if so, the reasons thereof?

B/176 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Jeetah)

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

Whether, in regard to the cost *per capita* of students in the public and private secondary schools to the State, he will state (a) the actual cost and (b) if there is any disparity and, if so, the reasons thereof?

B/177 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Jeetah)

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

Whether he will state the measures taken to maintain proper hygienic conditions in the primary schools?

B/178 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Dulloo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands and Minister of Fisheries:-

Whether he will state the procedure followed for the allocation of the contract for the preparation of the National Development Strategy and the District Outline Scheme to Halcrow Group Ltd, indicating (a) the total amount disbursed for each assignment (b) the name of the team leader and the composition of the team which worked on each assignment (c) whether any member of the aforesaid teams has taken up employment with Government stating in which capacity and the terms and conditions of employment?

B/179 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Dulloo)

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

Whether he will table a list of job fairs held to date, indicating (a) the date and place (b) the procedure followed (c) the conditions for holding such fairs, indicating whether (i) invitation to attend (ii) the running of employers stalls (iii) the presentation to workers (iv) the selection of workers form part of these conditions (d) the cost for each fair and (e) the number of workers recruited thereat?

B/180 The Honourable Fourth Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Duval)

To ask the Honourable of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources:-

Whether he will inform the House of the situation of the pig breeders in Roche Bois and say if it is proposed to move such activities to St Martin?

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Clerk of the National Assembly

24 February 2005