MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 15 April 2008

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/222 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 state if consideration will be given for the introduction of relevant legislation so as to make it an offence for persons to venture outside when cyclonic conditions are prevailing?

B/223 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, in regard to cases of disappearance at sea, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the established protocols within the Police Force for the participation of the Police helicopters and the specialized units of the National Coast Guard in the search and rescue operations?
B/224 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, in regard to the case of child A. J. who was raped and killed in July 2005, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) tests have been carried out on the suspected perpetrators and, if so (a) if these tests were carried out in Mauritius or abroad and (b) the outcome thereof?

B/225 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, in regard to the current Police practice of lodging a provisional information against a suspect, prior to the completion of an inquiry, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if consideration will now be given for the review thereof and, if not, why not?

B/226 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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 Government has signed an Economic Partnership Agreement with the European Union and, if so, will he indicate the main axes thereof?
The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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 Recomap Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Indian Ocean Commission, information as to (a) the amount earmarked for Mauritius and (b) the amount spent as at todate, together with the details thereof and a list of the projects identified?

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

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 children who are living in prisons with their mothers as at todate, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to (a) the number thereof and (b) their respective age?

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

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 if a case of alleged aggression against a young girl, one P. R., in a public toilet at Flacq, has been reported to the Police, on or about 25 March 2008 and, if so, where matters stand?
B/230  The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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 Government advertisements in newspapers, since July 2007 to date, he will state the amount spent thereon, indicating (a) the amount paid to each daily and weekly which benefit therefrom and (b) the dailies and weeklies which do not benefit therefrom, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/231  The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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 Police vehicles, he will state (a) if he has received complaints in relation to the unavailability thereof at the Police Stations and/or the other divisions of the Police Force, and (b) will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof purchased since July 2007 to date?

B/232  The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Speville)

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 a recent prospect mission of the Tobacco Board in Rodrigues, with a view to launching the cultivation of tobacco thereat, and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to (a) with whom meetings were held (b) the outcomes thereof and (c) will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to if, on or about 04 March 2008, this mission was covered and broadcasted as prime news on television?
B/233  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

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 SP D. K. L., posted at the National Coast Guard, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if he has now been transferred and, if so (a) since when (b) his present posting and (c) the reasons therefor?

B/234  The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

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 proposed use of video cameras in the course of the interrogation of suspects of criminal offences, he will state where matters stand?

B/235  The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis 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, in regard to the Chagos Archipelago, he is aware of the ‘Let Them Return’ reinsertion plan, designed to allow the Chagossian community to return on the Salomon and Peros Banhos islands, and the content thereof, and if so, will he state the actions Government proposes to take in relation thereto?
The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis 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 that funds have been or are being illegally collected in the name of the flood victims, islandwise, and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto 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

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

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the rivers and canals, he will state if cases of illegal construction on the banks thereof have been reported and, if so, the remedial actions that have been taken, if any?

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, in regard to imported goods, she will state the measures that are being taken by her Ministry to ensure that customers benefit from the fall in the prices thereof, following the appreciation of the Mauritian rupee vis-à-vis foreign currencies?
B/239  The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the agreements signed between Government and the Union of Private Secondary Education Employees in 1983, he will state if his Ministry has decided to override same?

B/240  The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Schools, he will state if (a) the vacant seats at Form I level thereat have been filled and (b) he will give the names and the examination results of the students who have been admitted in the second admission exercise?

B/241  The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Perrier)

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 Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the reduction in revenue to Government since July 2007 to date as a result of the reduction of the corporate tax from 22% to 15%?
B/242  The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether he is aware that there has been illegal dumping of building materials on the public beach of Baie du Cap and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if the Police de l’Environment has received complaints from the inhabitants of the region, indicating where matters stand?

B/243  The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether, in regard to the purchase by the Bank of Mauritius of a car for use by the Governor, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank, information as to (a) the date of purchase (b) the type (c) the cost and (d) the amount for which it has been insured?

B/244  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the Pointe aux Piments public beach, he will state (a) if he has received a request from a promoter for the development of a waterfront thereat and, if so, indicate (i) the name of the promoter (ii) the date the request was submitted and (b) if the Beach Authority has submitted an application for the deproclamation of part thereof, indicating the date of the application?
B/245  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

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

Whether, in regard to the rehabilitation works along the Ruisseau Terre Rouge, he will state (a) the reasons as to why the works have stopped (b) if he has received complaints from the inhabitants of Ste Croix in connection therewith (c) the amount of money paid to the contractor as at todate and (d) when works are likely to be completed?

B/246  The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to capital expenditure for the financial year 2007-2008, he will state the amount of money spent as at todate?

B/247  The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the study which was to be carried out for the use of an ethanol/gasoline mix by motor vehicles, in view of the rising price of fuel on the world market, he will state where matters stand?

B/248  The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the Caravanes de Santé, he will state if they are operational and, if so, if the services thereof are being provided islandwise?
The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the Sugar Investment Trust, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Trust, information as to (a) the projects implemented since July 2005 to date and (b) if there is any new project?

The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Speville)

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

Whether, in regard to the Air Mauritius flights, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of times, for the period 01 October 2007 to 31 January 2008 (a) the Air Mauritius flights from Mauritius to Rodrigues and from Rodrigues to Mauritius have been cancelled and (b) the ATR 72 planes serving Rodrigues and Mauritius have encountered difficulties in landing and taking off in Rodrigues?

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

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Turf Club, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Club, information as to (a) the size of its budget (b) the commission charged by the Club to the Totalisator companies since 2000 to 2007, on a yearly basis and (c) the reasons as to why the commission basis was changed in 2007, indicating its financial impact on the two Tote companies and the Club?
The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Bundhoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the accreditation of private laboratories with MAURITAS, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from MAURITAS, information as to the number of laboratories which (a) have applied for accreditation and (b) have been accredited as at todate?

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

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

Whether, in regard to the Booster Loan Scheme for small and medium enterprises, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Small Enterprises Handicraft Development Authority, information as to (a) the eligibility criteria (b) the number of beneficiaries thereof and (c) if he proposes to review same?

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

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

Whether, in regard to the reviewing of the courses offered by the Council of Legal Education, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to where matters stand?
B/255 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the Trois Boutiques Village, he will state if it is proposed to redefine its area, with a view to putting up an additional village council at Camp Carol and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/256 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the occupiers of State land at Kenya, Camp Carol, in Constituency No. 12, he is aware of the difficulties they are encountering to obtain their title deeds in respect thereof and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/257 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Land Drainage Committee, he will state when it last met, giving details thereof?

B/258 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to air, noise and other forms of pollution prevailing in Cité St Luc, Forest Side, and emanating from the Consolidated Ltd., Ferney Spinning Mills, he will state if copy of the reports of the studies carried out by his Ministry will be tabled?
B/259  The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Private Secondary Schools Authority, information as to if, at its meeting of 02 April 2008, some members of the Board effected a walkout and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/260  The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will state if his Ministry has sent a letter to the heads of the primary and secondary schools who had released their respective pupils on Wednesday 26 March 2008, before the issue of the torrential rains warning, asking them to state the reasons why they had taken that decision?

B/261  The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the permits issued in relation to tobacco crop by the Tobacco Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to (a) the number of the (i) permit holders as at todate and (ii) permits issued since January 2001 todate and (b) an updated list of the permit holders, indicating their addresses?
B/262 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Speville)

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

Whether, in regard to the imminent crisis of food scarcity in the world, he will state (a) the immediate actions Government proposes to take in the short and medium term and (b) if consideration will be given to revitalize the agricultural sector in Rodrigues?

B/263 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Speville)

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

Whether, in regard to the redeployment of the ex-La Voirie workers of Rodrigues who went on a hunger strike, he will state where matters stand?

B/264 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to an asphalt plant, installed by the firm Best Luck on a plot of land owned by FUEL Sugar Estate, he will state if an Environment Impact Assessment has been carried out and, if not, the reasons therefor?

B/265 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

Whether he will state if, on or about 19 March 2008, he has received a letter from the inhabitants of the region of Dupont street, Beau Bassin, in relation to the effects on their health and their television sets of a telecommunication antenna which was recently installed in the region thereof and, if so, the remedial actions he proposes to take, if any?
B/266  The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the Central Electricity Board tariffs, he will state if he has been advised by the Board that the main reason for the increase in the price thereof on 01 April 2008, was due to the increase in the cost of heavy fuel, and if so, if it is proposed to review same, in view of the reduction in the price of heavy fuel by 20% on the local market after the last automatic pricing mechanism review exercise of the same date?

B/267  The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the athletes who will be participating in the forthcoming Olympic Games to be held in Beijing, he will state (a) the names of the athletes who have obtained the minima to participate therein, indicating their respective sports discipline and (b) the incentives which are being provided to them?

B/268  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

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

Whether he will state if his Ministry has received any complaint against the Chief Executive Officer of Nestlé Products Ltd. and, if so, the actions that have been taken in connection therewith, if any?
The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to flour recently imported, he will state if he has now received complaints in relation to the quality thereof and, if so, the remedial measures that are being taken to ensure the quality of bread and other bakery products?

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

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

Whether, in regard to the small planters whose crops have sustained damages as a result of the recent floods, he will state if any compensation will be paid out to them?

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

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the employees of the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to if they have been paid their productivity bonus for the past year, and if not, why not?

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

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the drain and resurfacing works of the school road at Dagotière, he will state when they will be carried out?
B/273 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the Moka Health Care Centre, he will state when it will be operational?

B/274 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the pre-primary and primary schools of L’Espérance, he will state if he has received representations from the Parent Teachers Association thereof, in relation to the renovation and painting of its buildings and, if so (a) when works will start and (b) the expected date of completion?

B/275 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the extension of the Trou aux Biches Hotel, he will state if it has been approved and, if so, if it comprises a social component?

B/276 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to rice, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the precautionary measures that are being taken to prevent a drastic increase in the price thereof?
B/277  The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether he is aware of the difficulties the small planters are encountering when applying for loans at the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., after the recent floods and if so, will he for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank, information as to the remedial actions that will be taken, if any?

B/278  The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Private Secondary Schools Authority, information as to if, at its meeting of 02 April 2008, several members of the Board thereof effected a walkout and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/279  The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to the automatic promotion in schools, he will state if Government proposes to abolish same and, if so, what will become of the students who fail their examinations?
B/280 The Honourable Second Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Mr Rucktooa)

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

Whether, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, information as to (a) the number of co-operative societies registered prior to 10 June 2005 which have (i) amended their rules to comply with the law and (ii) submitted their final accounts and balance sheet and (b) if there have been timely submission of their audit reports?

B/281 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Husnoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the Hajj Committee, he will state if consideration will be given to allowing Honourable Members of the Opposition to sit on the Committee?

B/282 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of an Electronic Commerce Bill in the House, he will state where matters stand?
B/283  The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

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

Whether, in regard to the Club Med Albion Project, he will state the amount earmarked by the promoters for social projects to be implemented thereat, indicating (a) the amount already disbursed (b) the number of projects undertaken, giving details thereof and (c) the implementation schedules?

B/284  The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

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

Whether, in regard to the overseas missions undertaken by the Chairperson of the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority since his appointment, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the number thereof, indicating in each case (a) the countries visited and (b) the amount of money spent in terms of airfares and *per diem* allowances?

B/285  The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the renovation of the Plaza Theatre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin and Rose Hill, information as to when works are likely to start?
B/286 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (Mr Nancy)

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

Whether he will state if the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Allowances and Privileges) Act will be amended to allow the Commissioners to use their petrol allowances for both official and private purposes?

B/287 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)

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

Whether, in regard to epidemic diseases such as malaria and chikungunya, he will state the sanitary and health measures his Ministry is taking to prevent the surge thereof, following the torrential rainfalls which occurred on Wednesday 26 March 2008?

B/288 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to identifying available State land in the Constituency No. 17, Curepipe and Midlands, he will state if his Ministry is conducting a land survey exercise and, if so (a) table a list of the regions where such surveys are being carried out and (b) state if any land for agricultural purpose has been identified at Mon Bois, 16 Mile?

B/289 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to State land, he will state if he will consider the advisability of selling the building sites thereof of an extent of less than 10 perches to the occupiers thereof?
The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the selling of the ex-CHA estate sites to the occupiers thereof, he will state if his Ministry has processed any application from the occupiers of the ex-CHA Estate of Riambel and, if so, indicate the number thereof?

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

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

Whether, in regard to the grant of Rs 5,000 to the victims of the recent floods, she will state the number of families who have benefited therefrom, regionwise?

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the eviction orders issued to the flat owners of the National Housing Development Company Ltd., since July 2007 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company, information as to the number thereof and the reasons therefor?

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