

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 07 April 2009

Questions addressed to Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs

B/86 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

Whether in regard to the Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) test, he will state if he will consider introducing legislation with a view to making it compulsory for a suspect to undergo same?

B/87 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 and Home Affairs:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if he has been informed by the Swiss Authorities that one Mr H. B., a driver of the Mauritius Telecom, was recently arrested in Switzerland for being in possession of Rs 300m?

B/88 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the management courses dispensed by the Management Training Unit of the Mauritius Police Force to Police Officers of the rank of Police Sergeant and above, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if these courses are still being dispensed and, if so, the number of Police Officers who have followed same, as at todate?

B/89 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the region of Rivière Baptiste, St Pierre, and the road leading to the Pouce Mountain, used as a leisure and jogging track, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if cases of theft and aggression have been reported thereat, and if so, will consideration be given for regular police patrol to be carried out thereat?

B/90 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Fact-Finding Committee set up following the torrential rainfall which occurred on 26 March 2008, he will state where matters stand, indicating when the findings thereof will be made public?

B/91 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the electoral reform and the public funding of political parties, he will state where matters stand?

B/92 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the introduction of private television, he will state where matters stand?

B/93 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

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

Whether, in regard to the foreigners residing in Mauritius without a residential permit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Passport and Immigration Office, information as to the number thereof as at todate, indicating their respective nationality?

B/94 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Naidu)**

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

Whether he will state if Government proposes to amend the law to provide for a Code of Conduct to complement the legal provisions in force regarding the holding and conduct of elections in Mauritius?

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

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

Whether, in regard to the disappearance of Rs 22 million, to the prejudice of the Mauritius Post Co-operative Bank, on or about 15 March 2009, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto, indicating the outcome thereof?

B/96 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill **(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)**

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

Whether, in regard to the boat *Le Vigilant* which has recently disappeared from the Quai D, Port Louis, where it was anchored, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto, indicating the outcome thereof?

B/97 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether, in regard to reported complaints made against Police Officers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof which have been prosecuted, since 2007 to date, indicating the outcome thereof in each case?

B/98 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Guinness)**

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

Whether, in regard to the DIGIPRO company, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to if the company is making use of the staff members and the materials of the Corporation for the production of films?

B/99 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether, in regard to promotion in the Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) if such exercises are carried out on a yearly basis and (b) the number of Police Officers who have been promoted yearly since 2006 to date, indicating (i) the criteria used and (ii) if the Police Officers have been required to undergo written examinations?

B/100 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mr Barbier)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Fact Finding Committee set up to inquire into the allegations made against Mrs I. M., Board Member of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, he will state the fees paid or to be paid to the Chairperson of the Committee?

B/101 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ramloll)

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

Whether, in regard to the duty roster basis of Police Officers presently in force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if it needs to be reviewed to enable the Police Force to improve its services and make it more result oriented?

B/102 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ramloll)

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

Whether, in regard to the climate change, especially in relation to heavy rainfall registered in the recent months, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Meteorological Services, information as to the latest technology available thereat for weather forecast, indicating if the staff members have been trained thereon and if so (a) the number thereof (b) the countries in which they obtained the training and (c) the duration thereof?

B/103 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to cases of sexual offences on minors, since 2007 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of (a) sexual intercourse and (b) rape?

B/104 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent Extraordinary Summit held in Swaziland in relation to the political crisis in Madagascar, he will state if he had a “tête a tête” meeting with Mr Marc Ravalomanana, former President of Madagascar and, if so, indicate (a) the outcome thereof and (b) the proposals made at the Summit to find a solution to the present crisis?

B/105 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to Subutex, he will, for the benefit of House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof as at todate, following the recent amendments brought to the Dangerous Drugs Act in relation thereto, indicating, in each case, if any suspect has been brought before court?

B/106 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether, in regard to the post of Coast Marine Commander, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if it is proposed to hold interviews and if so, when?

B/107 The Honourable Fourth Member for Rodrigues **(Mr Von Mally)**

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

Whether, he will consider posting a helicopter in Rodrigues (a) for search in cases of disappearance at sea (b) to help in the surveillance of our Exclusive Economic Zone and (c) to combat drug trafficking?

B/108 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

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

Whether he will state if he is aware that one Mr H. B., a Mauritian citizen was recently arrested in Switzerland for being in possession of Rs 300m, and if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if he has been informed of same by the Swiss authorities?

B/109 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

To ask Dr 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, information as to if persons have been arrested over the past three years for failing to produce their driving licence to police stations on being required to do so and, if so, indicate the number thereof?

B/110 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Perrier**)

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

Whether he will state if Mauritius has signed the 2008 Southern African Development Countries Protocol on Gender and Development?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs

B/111 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Freight Rebate Scheme, he will state (a) for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 (i) the number of exporters who have benefitted therefrom and (ii) the amount of money paid and (b) if in 2006, some exporters have been over-refunded?

B/112 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether he will state if a scheme has been worked out to assist old aged fishermen whose cards have been retained by the Fisheries Officers?

B/113 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the post of Administrative Secretary at the Tobacco Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to if it will be filled on a permanent and pensionable basis and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/114 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Dayal)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the l'Avenir football ground, he will state if he will consider liaising with the relevant authorities for same to be provided with, amongst other amenities (a) fencing (b) lighting and (c) changing room and toilet?

B/115 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

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

Whether he will state if he is aware that some 20 families living at Cité La Cure, behind the NHDC Housing Quarters have not been supplied with electricity for years and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to (a) the reasons therefor and (b) the remedial actions that will be taken?

B/116 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

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

Whether, in regard to flood prone areas in Constituency No. 4, Port Louis North and Montagne Longue, he will table a list thereof, indicating, in each case, the remedial measures that have been taken?

B/117 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Society of Authors, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Society, information as to (a) the total amount of money collected by the Society for calendar year 2008 thereof and (b) the amount of money paid (i) to foreign organisations (ii) local artists and (iii) the Mauritius Revenue Authority on behalf of the local artists?

B/118 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Guimbeau**)

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

Whether, in regard to the industrial and commercial leases on *Pas Géométriques*, he will state if (a) the review of the terms and conditions thereof to reflect the market value and aligned on those of the campement site has been applied to all the lessees concerned and, if not, why not and (b) the option letter, the option form and the new lease agreement for industrial and commercial site leases have been issued to all the lessees concerned and, if not, why not?

B/119 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Guimbeau**)

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

Whether, in regard to the lease of State land to the 46 civil servants working in his Ministry, he will state (a) if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if not, why not (b) if the leases were assessed at the market value and, if not, why not and (c) the terms and conditions and annual rental?

B/120 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether, in regard to the kindergarten situated in the town centre of Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Curepipe, information as to (a) its opening days and hours (b) the state of the equipments thereat, indicating (i) the frequency and number of maintenance exercises effected thereon and (ii) if it is proposed to replace same and, if so, when?

B/121 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women's Rights, Child Development and Family Welfare:-

Whether, in regard to women who have suffered complications following abortion, she will state the number thereof, indicating the remedial measures Government proposes to take to come to their assistance?

B/122 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

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

Whether, in regard to smoke emissions from motor vehicles, he will state the remedial measures taken?

B/123 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

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

Whether, in regard to stray dogs, he will state the remedial measures taken for their effective control?

B/124 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

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

Whether, in regard to the hawkers operating without a hawkers permit, he will state the remedial measures taken?

B/125 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Naidu)**

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

Whether, in regard to the traffic congestion at the Vandermesch Street, between Beau Bassin and Rose Hill, especially in the morning, he will state the remedial measures Government proposes to take?

B/126 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 the environmental problems at River Pariseau and River Camp Fouquereaux near the Shivala, he will state if he will consider implementing projects to remedy the situation thereat?

B/127 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 the problems of drain at Highlands, Parizeau, Carreau Laliane, Castel, Solferino No. 5 at Balance, he will state if any projects have been earmarked thereon and, if so, when?

B/128 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the Empowerment Programme, he will state (a) the amount of money disbursed since its implementation (b) the number of projects involved, indicating the criteria used to finance same?

B/129 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Development Bank of Mauritius, information as to the changes that are being brought at the level of the Board in the management thereof?

B/130 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

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

Whether, in regard to the investments made by the National Pension Fund over the past year, he will state (a) the names of the different financial institutions where the funds have been invested (b) the amount of money invested in each institution and (c) the expected return on the investments?

B/131 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

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

Whether, in regard to the National Residential Property Tax, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the total amount of money collected since its imposition to date, indicating the amount thereof that have been used for the setting up of market fairs?

B/132 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether he is aware that the CEDEM has refused to accept minors L. M., K. M. amongst others and, if so, will he state if his Ministry proposes to take measures to enable these children to pursue their studies?

B/133 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 he is aware of the flooding problem at Cité Roma, Riche Terre, and if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken, if any?

B/134 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Transport Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) the amount of profits or losses made during the financial years 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and the position as at to date (b) the number of buses owned by the Corporation (c) the total value of its assets and (d) if there is any plan for its privatization?

B/135 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

The Honourable the Attorney-General:-

Whether he will state if, on or about 27 December 2005, his Ministry rented a building situated at Curepipe, from one Mrs D. P. and, if so, indicate (a) the purpose therefor (b) the rental value of the building (c) the amount of rent paid as at todate and (d) the amount of rental due?

B/136 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Pension Fund, information as to if Air Mauritius Ltd. is seeking a loan from the Fund and, if so, indicate (a) the amount of money earmarked by the Fund for this purpose and (b) the conditions attached thereto?

B/137 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Cuttaree**)

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

Whether he is aware of the problem of water leakage in the apartments at the NHDC Estate at Camp Leveux and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd. information as to the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/138 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mrs Martin**)

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

Whether he will state if a *repertoire* of our Oral heritage has been carried out and, if so (a) by whom and (b) the measures put in place for the preservation and promotion thereof?

B/139 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Transport Corporation, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to its financial situation and (b) state if there is any plan for the privatization thereof?

B/140 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Naidu)**

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

Whether, in regard to Air Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company, information as to if a new Chairperson has been appointed thereat and, if so, indicate his or her terms and conditions of appointment?

B/141 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River **(Mr Ganoo)**

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

Whether, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Telecom, information as to if it has recently implemented a Voluntary Early Retirement Scheme for its employees and if so, indicate (a) the reasons therefor (b) the terms and proposals thereof and (c) the number of employees who have retired under the Scheme?

B/142 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River **(Mr Ganoo)**

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

Whether, in regard to the determination of the salary compensation for the year 2009-2010, he will state if Government proposes to reconvene the tripartite meeting and do away with the National Pay Council?

B/143 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Dr Ramloll)**

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

Whether, in regard to transport facilities for school children, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to (a) the number of school buses deployed island wide, indicating (i) their lifetime and (ii) their road worthiness?

B/144 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ramloll)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the World Football Cup to be held in South Africa, he will state the number of international football teams which will be stopping over in Mauritius before participating therein?

B/145 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the Hollyrood State Secondary School, he will state if his Ministry is contemplating the implementation of the Phase II of the construction plan and, if so, when works are likely to start and, if not, why not?

B/146 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues **(Mr Nancy)**

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, information as to (a) the total amount of money paid in terms of petrol allowances by the Assembly to the Commissioners for periods (i) September 2002 to July 2006 and (ii) August 2006 and (b) if the Commissioners were asked to refund the petrol allowances paid?

B/147 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the Pont Perrier at Glen Park and La Digue at La Vanille in Constituency No. 16, Vacoas and Floréal, he will state if any project in regard thereto have been earmarked in this year's budget and, if so, when are they expected to be implemented?

B/148 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the rescue plan to bail out the Air Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company, information as to if a redundancy plan has been approved by the Board and is being implemented and, if so, indicate if foreign officers, namely pilots and other technical staff, are being made redundant to cut costs?

B/149 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mr Barbier)**

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

Whether, in regard to the fish landing station at Roche Bois, he will state if the development in the port is having any incidence thereon and, if so, the remedial measures that will be taken in relation thereto?

B/150 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mr Barbier)**

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed project for a fish hawking place at Les Salines, Port Louis, he will state where matters stand?

B/151 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Business, Enterprise and Co-operatives:-

Whether, in regard to the proposed purchase of a double-hulk vessel by the State Trading Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to where matters stand?

B/152 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether he will state if he has taken cognizance of a petition, dated 15 December 2008, from the inhabitants of Rivière des Galets, Surinam, and of Chemin Grenier, complaining of bus transport facilities along the coastal area from Surinam to Rivière des Galets for being irregular and causing prejudice to the inhabitants of the region and, if so, the remedial measures his Ministry proposes to take?

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women's Rights, Child Development and Family Welfare:-

Whether, in regard to the sensitization programme for the alleviation of domestic violence, she will state (a) how it is being implemented (b) the targetted audience and (c) the resource persons available?

B/154 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the canvassers, he will state (a) the number thereof who have been granted permits, region-wise and (b) if complaints have been registered in relation to acts of malpractices carried out by these people?

B/155 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether, in regard to the NHDC units, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to the number thereof which has been seized by the Company, since July 2007 todate, island wide?

B/156 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Perrier)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women's Rights, Child Development and Family Welfare:-

Whether, in regard to the divorced mothers earning less than Rs 10,000 monthly and not in receipt of any alimony from the ex-spouse, following a court order when the divorce was pronounced, she will state if her Ministry proposes to take any measures to come to their assistance?

B/157 The Honourable Fourth Member for Rodrigues **(Mr Von Mally)**

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

Whether, in regard to the connection of Rodrigues to an optic cable like EASE or Seganet, he will state where matters stand?

B/158 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to the road project elaborated in 2004 to link Mount Ory to Motorway M1, he will state if the project is still on the Government infrastructure programme and, if so, if it will be implemented, indicating when?

B/159 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to the ex-employees of the sugar sector who have benefitted from the first Voluntary Retirement Scheme package, he will state the number thereof who have received the title deed of the plot of land allocated to each of them?

B/160 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to the deal that was signed in December 2007 with the Mauritius Sugar Planters Association, he will state the acreage of land (a) obtained by Government, as at to date, indicating their location and (b) the acreage that has so far been allocated to the small planters?

B/161 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether he will state (a) the level of total public debts, including domestic and foreign debts of *para statais* as at todate in absolute terms and (b) the breakdown of total public sector debts?

B/162 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mrs Grenade)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the facilities of the sports complexes which are being made available to the public, he will state the rates applied therefor?

B/163 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mrs Grenade)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the World Cup 2010 to be held in South Africa, he will state if some local football grounds are being upgraded to provide training camp facilities to the international teams which are participating therein?

B/164 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Dayal)

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

Whether he is aware of the problems in relation to the drains at the Shivala, known as Ganesh Mandir, at l'Espérance, Quartier Militaire, and if so, will he state (a) the remedial measures he proposes to take and (b) if he will consider constructing pavements thereat where necessary?

B/165 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Education, Culture & Human Resources:-

Whether, in regard to each of the courses run by the Industrial and Vocational Training Board Centre at Nicolay Road, since its implementation to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to a list of the students enrolled, indicating their respective addresses?

B/166 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he is aware of the deplorable state of the Ferrari Road at Circonstance, Saint Pierre, and if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Moka/Flacq District Council, information as to the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/167 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Plaine Verte Garden, from the Paul & Virginie Street to the Diego Garcia Street, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if consideration will be given for (a) an increase in the number of (i) lighting points (ii) benches (iii) dustbins (iv) entrances and (b) the upgrading of the pond found in the centre of the garden, in view of the increasing number of visitors thereat at night?

B/168 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a 165-metres drain along the Rosan and Coringa Streets, Cité Martial, he will state where matters stand?

B/169 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Voluntary Retirement Scheme II, he will state (a) the number of beneficiaries thereof (b) the amount of money disbursed in terms of compensation and (c) if plots of land have been earmarked?

B/170 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

To ask the Honourable Minister for Consumer Protection and Citizens Charter:-

Whether, in regard to the food items on which duties, customs tariffs and Value Added Tax have been removed, he will state the number and type thereof?

B/171 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Business, Enterprise and Co-operatives:-

Whether, in regard to petroleum products, he will state the hedging charges paid by customers for every litre thereof purchased since the last Automatic Pricing Mechanism exercise?

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