MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given
Requiring an Oral Answer
Sitting of Tuesday 15 December 2009

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

B/1316 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

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

Whether, in regard to arson, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, since 2006 to date, on a yearly basis, indicating the number thereof that took place in (a) commercial centres (b) private residences and (c) sugar cane fields and/or other plantations?

B/1317 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

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

Whether, in regard to larceny, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof committed in public, since 2006 to date, on a yearly basis?

B/1318 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the Police patrols effected at night, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof effected, in the vicinity of the Jardin de la Compagnie and of the Ruisseau du Pouce, over the past six months, indicating (a) the number of arrests effected, if any and (b) if during the night of Friday 06 November 2009, between 1900 hours and midnight, any Police patrol was effected and, if not, why not?
B/1319  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, in regard to the Police Officers who have followed the BSc Police Studies courses at the University of Mauritius in collaboration with the University of Portsmouth, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, indicating those who have not yet been promoted?

B/1320  The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to the voluntary contribution from Honourable Members of Parliament to the National Solidarity Fund or any other fund in favour of the poor, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the names of those who are contributing therein, indicating the amount of money collected as at to date?

B/1321  The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to possession and trafficking of drugs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of arrests effected, since January 2006 to date, on a yearly basis, indicating the number of cases (a) dealt with by the courts and (b) still pending?

B/1322  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, in regard to the Police inquiry carried out in relation to the death of one Mr S. M. G., which occurred on 13 December 2008, at the Compagnie Mauricienne de Textile Ltee. at La Tour Koenig, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand?
B/1323 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 detainees who have escaped from the police cells, since May 2009 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, indicating (a) how many have been captured and (b) the measures taken to prevent evasion therefrom?

B/1324 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 Air Mauritius Ltd., he will state where matters stand in relation to the (a) renewal of the contract of its Chief Executive Officer and (b) nomination of its Board of Directors?

B/1325 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 possession of stolen property, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, since January 2009 to date, indicating in each case, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/1326 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to cases of suicide amongst officers of the Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if immediate actions will be taken to investigate into the reasons therefor, indicating the measures that will be taken to prevent the recurrence thereof?
B/1327 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 Gymkhana jogging track at Vacoas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Special Mobile Force, information as to if consideration will be given for the advisability of (a) extending the opening hours thereof to the public and (b) providing, wherever required, additional floodlights to enable workers who finish up late, to avail themselves of the facilities?

B/1328 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 holders of the learner's licence, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the reasons why they cannot drive on the main road in Plaine Magnien and, if so, the remedial measures that will be taken, if any?

B/1329 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

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

Whether, in regard to the Small Islands Developing States Conference, held in Mauritius from 10 to 14 January 2005, he will state if he has been made aware of cases of alleged financial and other abuses during the organization thereof and, if so, will he consider the advisability of setting up a Commission of inquiry, presided by a retired judge, to look thereinto?

B/1330 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

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

Whether, in regard to IMMEDIA, he will state if it has benefitted from the payment of any professional fees, commissions or sponsorship grants or other sums of money, either directly or indirectly, from Government or parastatal organisations, since September 2000 to July 2005 and, if so, give details thereof?
Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs

B/1331 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

The Honourable the Attorney-General:-

Whether, in regard to the Protection from Domestic Violence Act, he will state if Government proposes to amend the existing legislation with a view to strengthening the implementation thereof?

B/1332 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to domestic violence and child abuse, she will state if an audit of the existing facilities to combat same has been carried out, since January 2007 to date and, if so, indicate the (a) outcome and recommendations thereof and (b) if weaknesses have been identified and if so, the remedial measures that have been taken?

B/1333 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to women who have been victims of violence, she will state the number of reported cases thereof, since January 2006 to date, indicating the number thereof who (a) were not in gainful employment (b) have been provided training to enable them join the labour market and (c) have ultimately joined gainful employment?

B/1334 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms:-

Whether, in regard to the public service, he will state, since July 2005 to date, the number of (a) posts which have been abolished and (b) vacancies which have not been filled at various grades, indicating the amount of savings made by Government on these posts?
B/1335 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General:-

Whether, in regard to the examinations for Barristers and other legal professions held by the Council Legal Education of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to the number of candidates who sat therefor, in each case, since 2005 to date, on a yearly basis, indicating the percentage pass rate for each year?

B/1336 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Grenade)

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

Whether, in regard to the accident which occurred on the premises of the Central Electricity Board, on 29 September 2008, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to the number of injured workers, indicating (a) the number thereof (i) whose treatment have been completed (ii) having been sent abroad for treatment and (iii) awaiting to be sent abroad for treatment and (b) if the Board proposes to give any compensation to the injured workers?

B/1337 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to the social housing units, he will state the number of new units constructed by Government, since November 2007 to date, excluding those whose construction started prior to that date, indicating the (a) location thereof and (b) amount of money spent as at to date?

B/1338 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to the Small and Medium Enterprise Industrial Estate constructed in Vacoas-Phoenix, he will state the location thereof?
B/1339 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, in regard to the businesses registered by the Registrar of Companies and the Registrar of Business, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number thereof having ceased business, since July 2006 to date?

B/1340 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed privatization of the Casinos of the State Investment Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to where matters stand?

B/1341 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the new hotel projects, he will state the number of applications which are being considered, indicating in each case the (a) location (b) number of rooms (c) name of the promoter (d) extent of land and (e) expected date of commissioning?

B/1342 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 transfer of leases on State land and on Pas Géométriques from individuals to companies or promoters, he will give details of the different steps and procedures involved therefor?
B/1343 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 allocation and lease of State land on *Pas Géométriques*, he will state the different steps, practices and procedures involved for the (a) individuals (b) promoters and (c) companies?

B/1344 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 lay-offs which have taken place in the different sectors of the economy, since the month of May to November 2009, he will state the (a) number thereof, on a monthly basis (b) names of the employers and (c) number of employers who have offered compensation to the laid off employees?

B/1345 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to Infinity BPO Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Small and Medium Enterprises Partnership Fund, information as to the amount of funding the company has benefitted therefrom, giving details thereof?

B/1346 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of the new Headquarters of the National Transport Corporation at Ebène, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) the cost thereof, indicating the amount of money paid as at to date (b) when construction works are expected to be completed and (c) if the Corporation proposes to move its offices thereat, and, if not, why not?
B/1347 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether, in regard to the credit cards put at the disposal of the Chairperson, the Director General and the staff of the Tourism Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the number thereof, indicating in each case (a) since when (b) the purposes thereof and (c) a breakdown of the expenses incurred?

B/1348 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade:-

Whether, in regard to the Ambassador posted at the Mauritius Embassy in Paris, he will state (a) his terms and conditions of appointment (b) the number of overseas missions undertaken by him, since his appointment to date, indicating in each case, the (i) countries visited and (ii) amount of money spent in terms of air tickets and per diem allowances and (c) a breakdown of his medical expenses, since his appointment to date?

B/1349 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the small and medium planters, he will state the number thereof who are losing harvests, due to the regrouping projects?

B/1350 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the Governor of the Bank of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank, information as to the number of overseas missions he has undertaken, since March 2008 to date, indicating in each case, the (a) dates thereof (b) countries visited (c) composition of the delegations and (d) amount of money paid in terms of air tickets, per diem and other fringe benefits?
B/1351 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

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

Whether, in regard to the requests made for the installation of road humps along the Saint Martin Street and in Cité Roche Bois, since 2006 to date, he will state where matters stand, indicating in each case the number of humps installed?

B/1352 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Husnoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the old age pension, she will state if consideration will be given for making it compulsory for her Ministry to contact the eligible persons, once they have reached the age of sixty, in replacement of the present system whereby the onus is on the person to contact the Ministry?

B/1353 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Husnoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Chinese traditional medicine, he will state if medical products thereof are available in Government hospitals and, if not, indicate if Government will consider providing same thereat and in the dispensaries?

B/1354 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General:-

Whether, in regard to the case referred to the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations by members of Rezistans ek Alternative, in relation to the electoral system, he will state the stand taken by Government?
B/1355 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether she is aware of the cases of the eight hundred widows who were married only religiously during the period 1987 to 1990 and who are not receiving their widow’s pension, and if so, will she state the remedial measures that Government proposes to take?

B/1356 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 project for the construction of a cloak room, a kiosk and a bowling alley in the region of Robinson, Curepipe, he will state if works have started and, if so, where matters stand?

B/1357 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the foreign nationals, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to the number thereof who, since June 2009 to date, have obtained an occupation permit as (a) investor (b) professional and (c) self employed?

B/1358 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed education reform, he will state if national examinations will be introduced at Form III level and, if so, when?
B/1359 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the primary schools, he will state if the students thereof are being evaluated according to the continuous assessment technique and, if so, indicate (a) if he has received any report on the implementation of this technique and (b) when the National Diagnostic Evaluation at Standard III level is expected to start?

B/1360 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the University of Mauritius and the University of Technology of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of seats that will be available in these two institutions for the intake for the academic year 2010-2011?

B/1361 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether he will state if his Ministry has now recruited Quality Assurance Officers and, if so, indicate the number thereof?

B/1362 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 road adjoining the housing estate, along the Cemetery Road in Plaine Magnien, he will state the reasons why it has not yet been declared as public road and, if so, the remedial measures that will be taken, if any?
B/1363  The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether, in regard to the students following the BSc (Hons) Textile and Fashion Design and BSc (Hons) Fashion Technology at the University of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the University, information as to if they will now be transferred to the Fashion and Design Institute to pursue their studies and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/1364  The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether, in regard to the Fashion and Design Institute, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Institute, information as to (a) if its Board has been constituted and, if so, the composition thereof (b) if a Director has been appointed and, if so, the name of the incumbent and (c) the facilities offered to the students?

B/1365  The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether, in regard to the oriental language supply teachers at the primary school level, he will state the number thereof employed since 1996 and who are still in post, indicating if they have recently followed any course and, if so, when will they be confirmed in a substantive capacity?

B/1366  The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether, in regard to the industrial relations problems at the Byron College, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Private Secondary Schools Authority, information as to the (a) number of court cases involving the teachers and the rectors, over the past three years and (b) the procedures followed for the dismissal of its staff members?
B/1367 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the Railway Road, Quartier Militaire, he will state when drain works thereat will start, indicating the expected date of completion thereof?

B/1368 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the upgrading works being carried out on the road, from the Dagotière Mosque leading up to the residence of one Mr S., he will state when they will be completed?

B/1369 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the marine environment, he will state if the shipping department of his Ministry has carried out any activity for the protection thereof and, if so, give details thereof?

B/1370 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the parastatal bodies, he will state if any performance audit has been carried out in any of them and, if so, give details thereof?
B/1371  The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Non-Governmental Organisations, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain a list thereof which have benefitted from the National Empowerment Foundation, the Corporate Social Responsibility and or the Eradication of Absolute Poverty Programme, indicating (a) the criteria laid down to benefit therefrom (b) the total amount of money disbursed as at to date, in each case, and (c) if any monitoring and evaluation thereof is carried out?

B/1372  The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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

Whether, in regard to IMMEDIA, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority, information as to the amount of money the Authority has paid thereto, in terms of professional fees, commissions or sponsorship grants, since September 2000 to July 2005?

B/1373  The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

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

Whether, in regard to IMMEDIA, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Air Mauritius Ltd., information as to the amount of money the company has paid thereto, in terms of professional fees, commissions or sponsorship grants, since September 2000 to July 2005?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

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A/8 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the Anjalay Coopen Stadium, he will state when the necessary equipment and facilities will be installed thereat to enable the holding and organization of concerts, indicating the expected date on which concerts may be held thereat?

A/9 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 Secondary School Health Programme, he will state the number of students who have been screened in 2008 and since January 2009 to date, indicating the number of tests effected?

A/10 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 counselling units of the primary and secondary schools, he will state the number thereof, if any, which are operational, indicating the (a) names of the schools and (b) number of psychologists or counsellors attached thereto?

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