

Debate No. 1

Parliamentary Questions - 03 June 2003

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given requiring an Oral answer **Sitting of Tuesday 03 June 2003**

Questions addressed to the Right Honourable Prime Minister

B/386 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House and in regard to the discovery of drugs in a school, obtain information from the Commissioner of Police as to (a) whether the Police has conducted an inquiry on the request of the Narcotics Bureau and, if so, the outcome thereof and (b) the difficulties, if any, encountered by the ADSU officers in the exercise of their duties, indicating the measures, if any, taken to prevent recurrence of same?

B/387 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House and in regard to larcenies in the Curepipe market, obtain information from the Commissioner of Police as to (a) the number of complaints received so far from (i) Municipal Inspectors (ii) stall holders (b) the estimated value of the articles/goods stolen (c) the actions, if any, initiated by Police and (d) whether any arrest has been effected to date?

The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Chady)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, make a statement on the incident which occurred at Albion on 26 May last wherein one person lost his life and several others had to be hospitalized?

The Honourable Third Member for Riviere des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Baloomoody)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House and in regard to the recent restructuring programme relating to the staff of the MBC, he will obtain information as to what actions, if any, are being taken to ensure that acquired rights are not affected to enable good industrial relationship to prevail?

The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Chady)

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

Whether he has been made aware of the frequent occurrence of criminal acts in the industrial zone of Riche Terre and its vicinity and, if so, will he state what actions have been taken to prevent same?

The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Dr David)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the whether there has been any Police progress in the case of the child who has been abducted at Camp Chapelon?

ions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than the Right Honourable Prime Minister

B/392 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Hurnam)

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

Whether his Ministry has received an application for a land conversion permit from Mr and Mrs Yves Julien Colomes of Royal Road, Trou aux Biches and, if so, will he state (a) when (b) when was the reply communicated to the applicants and the outcome thereof and (c) the proposed coastal distributor road has been incepted in any material particular?

B/393 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Hurnam)

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

Whether, having regard to the sad demise in Saint Petersburg in the Russian Federation earlier this year of a Mauritian student from Gros Billot and the subsequent meeting to which parents of students studying in Russia attended when a proposal, amongst others, was made to them to the effect that those students who are minded to continue their medical studies may return to Mauritius to pursue same at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Medical College, he will state if any such applications have been received and attended to?

B/394 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

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

Whether, in regard to the ITC teaching training, he will state how the human ware component of 327 or so ICT teachers recruited, trained, and posted to primary schools are discharging their duties of ICT teaching according to a transitional syllabus in the absence of the two other major components, namely, laboratory and provision of hardware and software?

B/395 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

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

Whether he will make a statement on the full scale implementation of the ZEP strategy announced for this current term?

B/396 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment:-

Whether he will state the measures in force to control the importation, storage, usage and disposal of toxic substances, especially in relation to chlorine?

B/397 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

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

Whether he will inquire and inform the House if all widows of Islamic faith religiously married between November 1987 and December 1990 are benefiting from the widow's basic pension, and, if not, what measures will he take to restore their rights?

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

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

Whether he will state when traffic lights will be installed at GRNW bridge for the benefit and convenience of the inhabitants of Pointe aux Sables and GRNW?

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment:-

Whether, in regard to works carried out at Canal Dayot River, GRNW and the contract therefor, he will state (a) when the contract was awarded (b) its initial cost (c) who was the contractor (d) why the works stopped and (f) when will the works continue, and whether he will make a statement thereon?

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

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

Whether he will state if a transfer of 25 million dollars from the Exchequer to the United European Bank has been effected some 3 years back and, if so, will he state if any investigation therein has been carried out by his Ministry or by the Bank of Mauritius?

The Honourable Second Member for Grand'Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Gungah)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Rodrigues and Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will make a statement on the progress achieved so far by the Beach Authority regarding its beach lighting project?

The Honourable Second Member for Grand'Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Gungah)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Cooperatives:-

Whether Government intends to improve communication on the facilities available to SME's and starts-up, and whether he will make a statement thereon?

The Honourable Third Member for Riviere des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Baloomoody)

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

Whether he will state when the primary school of Bois Cheri will have its pre-primary wing?

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

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

Whether he will give the number of depositors who have withdrawn from the POSB since the announcement of the merger of the POSB and the NCB for the establishment of the Mauritius Post and Cooperative Bank to date?

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

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

Whether a full fledged Revenue Authority will be set up and, if so, will he make a statement thereon?

The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Chady)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment:-

Whether, in regard to hazardous waste , he will state (a) the manner in which same is disposed of and (b) the measures governing the storage, transportation and disposal of same?

The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Chady)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment:-

Whether, in regard to the gas cylinder found at Albion after last week's incident, he will state (a) the site at which it was identified (b) whether it was transported from St Martin landfill to Albion (c) the manner in which this type of hazardous waste is disposed of (d) the place of origin the cylinder came from and (e) the actions, if any, which are being taken against the person, factory or industry responsible for such cylinder?

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

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

Whether he will table a list of the monthly cost per student attending each Government secondary school for each of the the financial years 2000/2001 and 2001/2002?

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

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

Whether he will table a list of the monthly subsidy per student met from public funds for each private secondary school including confessional schools for each of the financial years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002?

B/410 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Speville)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of extending the grant payable to widows of war time ex-servicemen to widows of post war ex-servicemen?

B/411 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Speville)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House and in regard to missions effected by officials of the CEB to Rodrigues over the past 6 months, obtain information as to (a) their number and (b) in respect of each mission, (i) the purpose

thereof (ii) the dates thereof (iii) the names of the members of each delegation (iv) the outcome thereof and (v) the expenditure incurred by the CEB?

B/412 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Speville)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of appointing Station Masters to monitor public transport in mainland Mauritius and in Rodrigues and, if so, will he arrange for sub-offices to be put up at bus stations?

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Rodrigues and Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state if any permit or authorization is being granted for the removal or dredging of coral sand, and, if so, will he state the policy of Government thereon?

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Rodrigues and Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to permits and authorization to remove or dredge coral sand granted, he will, for the period 01 October 2001 to date give their number indicating (a) to whom (b) for which site and (c) in regard to the sand involved (i) the total amount (ii) how it was disposed of and (iii) the market value thereof in each case?

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Rodrigues and Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state for the period 01 October 2001 to date the total amount of sand that has been removed or dredged from our coasts and lagoons and the total market value thereof?

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Cooperatives:-

Whether any permit or authorization has been given to hold commercial exhibition or international trade fairs and, if so, to whom, for when and under what conditions?

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A/23 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from NTA as regards to the scheduled route of public buses from Dubreuil to Curepipe, as to whether there has been any changes in the route and, if so, will he (a) state when and why and (b) seek an explanation as to why buses no longer pass through Eau Coulée Police Station and the Royal Road at Curepipe Road to reach the bus terminus as they used to do?

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

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

Whether he will table a list of schools which have admitted in Form I this year pupils who have passed the CPE with an aggregate of 25 and indicate the number admitted in each school?

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

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

Whether he will, for each of the years 2002-2003, table the intake in Form I and in Lower VI for each private secondary school?

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

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

Whether he will state the cost per pupil in State colleges and indicate if such cost is inclusive of capital expenditure?

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

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

Whether he will state the teacher-pupil ratio in the MEDCO schools and other private secondary schools and say if it is Government policy to continue to operate the MEDCO schools or whether Government is contemplating to allocate funds to existing cost effective private secondary schools in order to improve their facilities and to offer a voluntary retirement scheme to teachers in excess of requirements?

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