

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 16 August 2005****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**

I B/33 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Issack)

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 press attachés and advisers attached to each Ministry during the period September 2000 to July 2005, he will give their names and their respective salaries, other benefits and conditions of service?

I B/34 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Dr Ramloll)

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 dangers and risks to life to which Police Officers are exposed whilst on duty, more specifically to the SMF, Divers, Flying Squads and other Sections of the Police, he will state if Government now has any plan to review (a) the appropriate allowances and compensation and (b) the Police Act?

I B/35 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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 he has received complaints against top civil servants for having allegedly acted in breach of rules and regulations or in breach of constitutional provisions and (a) if so, will he give the number of complaints made to that effect during the period 2000-2005 and (b) if not, will Government consider establishing a procedure whereby officers may raise such matters in confidence?

I B/36 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 & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether Government intends to pay compensation to the descendants of slaves and of indentured labourers?

I B/37 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 is aware that on Thursday 07 July 2005 at the SSR International Airport the private belongings of a child aged 5 years were searched and, if so, will he take necessary measures to ensure that such searches be effected with care?

**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**

I B/38 The Honourable Fourth Member for Rodrigues (Mr Von Mally)

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

Whether, in regard to the projects financed through the Trust Fund for the Rehabilitation of the Vulnerable Groups in Rodrigues, he will (a) give the number initiated and completed for the period January 2005 to date, with a breakdown of each in terms of site and cost incurred (b) give the number of houses which have not been completed, giving the reasons thereof and (c) arrange for an inquiry to be conducted on same with a view to detecting cases of mismanagement or victimization, if any?

I B/39 The Honourable Third Member of Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House and in regard to the tender exercise for the Central Water Authority contract (C2000/49) (Improvement of water supply to La Flora, Bois Chéri and Grand Bois), ascertain (a) if the contract has been awarded and, if so, to which entity (b) the cost of the project and (c) when works (i) started and (ii) are to be completed?

I B/40 The Honourable Third Member of Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether, in regard to the 233 projects, referred to at paragraph 10.4 of the 2003-2004 Annual Audit Report, for a total amount of Rs 1.1 billion on which consultancy fees amounting to Rs 10.1 million have already been paid as at 30 June 2004 and which have not yet been implemented, he will (a) give the name/s of the consultancy firm/s involved (b) state the reasons for the non-implementation of those projects and (c) state the steps he proposes to take with a view to avoiding any such recurrence?

I B/41 The Honourable Third Member of Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House and in regard to the Tourism Fund set up in October 2003 under the Finance and Audit (Tourism Fund) Regulations 2003, state if all promoters have contributed thereto and, if not, will he state who are the promoters who have not done so?

I B/42 The Honourable Third Member of Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether, having regard to the Competition Act 2003, he will state if an Office of Fair Trading and a Competition Advisory Council have been set up?

I B/43 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Issack)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether there has been any housing project for Vallée Pitot, Chateau D'Eau, Bangladesh, Tranquebar and Ward IV in Constituency No. 2 and, if so, will he give the number of houses built during the period September 2000 to July 2005 and, if not, state whether there are any housing projects in the pipeline for these regions?

I B/44 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Issack)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he is aware that some areas in Port Louis are not provided with a proper sewerage system and, if so, will he look into the matter and consider coming forward with a project at the earliest?

I B/45 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Hawoldar)

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

Whether, in regard to the realignment of part of the Black River Savanne Road B9 at Bel Ombre and St Félix he will, for the benefit of the House, ascertain (a) the name of the contractors to whom the works were allocated by the Road Development Authority (b) the total amount disbursed by the Ministry todate to the Authority for payment to the contractors for works executed (c) if there is any agreement between Government and the hotel promoters under the Integrated Resort Scheme for realignment cost and, if so, the amount paid todate to the Tourism Fund by the hotel promoters of Bel Ombre and St Félix?

I B/46 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Hawoldar)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the realignment of part of the Black River Savanne Road B9 at St Félix, he will state (a) if there has been any agreement between Government and St Félix Sugar Estate concerning land exchange for the hotel sites and the realignment and, if so, will he give details thereof and (b) the name of the lawful owner of the land strip on which the new road at St Félix has been constructed?

I B/47 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Hawoldar)

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

Whether Government proposes to have a residential development scheme for the ex-workers of the Rose Belle Sugar Estate Board under the VRS Scheme of the Sugar Industry Efficiency Act and, if so, will he state (a) whether the plots of land to be allotted to such workers are clear of dense vegetation and are not level and, if so, whether these will be considered as part of the infrastructure works being undertaken, and (b) when the plots will be handed over to those entitled thereto?

I B/48 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Hawoldar)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House and in regard to the resurfacing of roads before the last general election, ascertain (a) if a meeting was chaired by the Officer-in-Charge of the Road Development Authority at the seat of the Authority on 13 April 2005 for issuing instructions to the District Engineers of the Authority to issue work orders for each Constituency (b) if the

engineers were instructed to work overtime during the period April-July 2005 and (c) the responsibility of the Officer-in-Charge in the resurfacing works?

I B/49 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether he is aware that no increase in allowance has been effected during the last 5 years to Asian language teachers who attend to teaching after normal school hours and, if so, will he consider the advisability of looking into the matter and take into account the cost of living?

I B/50 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 road in Upper Dagotière, he will state if he is aware that (a) drain works which were to be completed by the beginning of August 2005 are still at the initial stage (b) the processions associated with the *Ganesh Chatturti* Festival will proceed partly along that road and (c) vehicles experience a lot of inconvenience to negotiate that road and, if so, will he use his good offices to speed up matters in connection with that road?

I B/51 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether he will state where matters stand regarding the Malinga-Crève Coeur link road and when Government intends to start the construction thereof?

I B/52 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether the village hall of L'Avenir, St Pierre, has been converted into a health centre and, if so, will he state (a) who authorized such conversion and when and (b) whether an alternative place for activities generally held in the village hall has been provided and, if so, where and when?

I B/53 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Dr Ramloll)

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

Whether his Ministry will arrange for the upgrading of the existing health centres at Helvetia and at Quartier Militaire with a view to providing medical services after normal working hours?

I B/54 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Dr Ramloll)

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

Whether the bridge at L'Assurance, Dagotièrè has been damaged and, if so, will he state (a) if the tender exercise for its repair has been completed and (b) when works are likely to start?

I B/55 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Dr Ramloll)

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

Whether, in regard to social aid related to patients with less than 60% permanent physical incapacity following ailments and disease, she will state if any survey in

connection therewith was carried out between 2000 and 2005 and, if so, will she state the outcome thereof?

I B/56 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Solidarity Fund, she will (a) state if there are preset conditions that subscribers must imperatively fulfill before any claims thereunder can be favourably entertained and (b) for the period January 2005 to date, table a list of beneficiaries of financial assistance, together with their names and addresses?

I B/57 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

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

Whether, in regard to the Board of the National Solidarity Fund, she will (a) state who has been its Chairman since January 2004 to date, together with the qualifications and working conditions attached to the post, including remuneration and any other fringe benefits (b) give the composition thereof and (c) give the frequency of its meetings during the above period?

I B/58 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or (Mr Guttee)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he has been made aware that the football playground in the village of Petit Raffray is in a pitiable state and, if so, will he make the necessary arrangements towards upgrading same, including its fencing and the provision of other basic amenities, indicating when and, if not, why not?

I B/59 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or (Mr Guttee)

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

Whether there was any project for the construction of a market fair at Rose Belle and, if so, whether it has been delayed and the reasons therefor?

I B/60 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or (Mr Guttee)

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

Whether there was any project for the construction of a traffic centre at Rose Belle and , if so, whether it has been delayed and the reasons therefor?

I B/61 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Miss Deerpalsing)

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

Whether in November 2003, the EU Commission Fisheries Division released EUR 300,000 for financing projects identified to empower fishermen?

I B/62 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Miss Deerpalsing)

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

Whether a shooting and fishing lease was granted to Mr C. K. W. and Mr A. B. and, if so, when?

I B/63 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Miss Deerpalsing)

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

Whether he has been made aware that the classrooms, toilets and other infrastructure at the Sookun Gaya Primary Government School in Constituency No. 18 are in a pitiable state and, if so, will he consider taking the appropriate remedial measures?

I B/64 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Miss Deerpalsing)

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

Whether he will give the number of applications for permits and licences pending at his Ministry as at 04 July 2005 and state whether that number has now gone down and, if so, by how much?

I B/65 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he will state if a decision has been taken regarding the phasing out of the Mon Désert Mon Trésor Housing State and, if so, will he state whether (a) the drawing of lots for the granting of land has been effected (b) when the inhabitants thereof will receive their title deeds?

I B/66 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he intends to review the operations of the fish landing station in Mahebourg, the administration of which is vested in the Mauritius Fishermen Co-operative Federation?

I B/67 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether the leases of the portions of land on which stand the houses of the inhabitants of Daila and Solitude in Plaine Magnien have been renewed and (a) if so, whether Government will continue renewing such leases and (b) if not (i) whether the inhabitants will be proposed alternative sites to build their houses anew (ii) whether such alternative sites have been identified and (iii) whether the inhabitants will be adequately compensated?

I B/68 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether Government proposes to build a multipurpose complex at Mare D'Albert to house the social welfare centre, the area health centre, the post office, the women's centre and the village hall?

I B/69 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will state the measures that are being taken for the organization of Hajj pilgrimage this year?

I B/70 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will state if a new Board has been constituted at the Islamic Cultural Centre for the year 2005?

I B/71 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether he is aware of the difficulties arising out of the traffic flow and its consequences on security at the level of the access to Camp Chapelon and Plaine Lauzun from the trunk road and, if so, will he state what measures he intends to take in regard to the above?

I B/72 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether there is a project for the extension of the La Tour Koenig Health Centre and, if so, will he state where matters stand?

I B/73 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House and in regard to the construction of the South East Highway, ascertain (a) the total cost of the project (b) the contractor to whom the project has been allocated (c) the progress of works achieved todate and (d) if Government intends to stop the

work in progress and, if so, whether any compensation is payable?

I B/74 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he will state if any provision has been made for traffic lights at the junction of Sivananda Avenue and Malartic Street, Curepipe, and, if so, will he state when will works start?

I B/75 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether she will, for the benefit of the House and in regard to the security service of the buildings falling under her Ministry and under the National Pension Fund, ascertain to whom it has been entrusted and indicate (i) the duration of the contract (ii) who signed the contract (iii) the amount of the contract and (iv) if the contract of the former contractor has been terminated before the agreed contractual date?

I B/76 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will state if his Ministry and the Wastewater Management Authority are in presence of a request to pull down an unused sewerage plant at La Brasserie and, if so, will he state what measures he intends to take?

I B/77 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, ascertain (a) the number of housing units built for medium, low and very low income citizens for each of the years 1995 to 2005 (b) the number of such housing units delivered annually during those years and (c) the number of such units presently under construction as well as the approximate termination date of those units?

I B/78 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will give the number of private school buses in operation as at 01 July 2005?

I B/79 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the list of 38 secondary schools tabled in the National Assembly on 09 August 2005, he will give the number of schools where the following phases have been completed: (a) Phase I (b) Phase II and (c) Phase III?

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Clerk of the National Assembly

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