

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

LES SALINES - MOORING PLACE

(No. I B/194) Mr J. C. Barbier (Third Member for GRNW and Port Louis West) asked the Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries whether he will state if it is proposed to maintain the mooring place set up by the former Government at Les Salines and, if so, whether all facilities such as water supply, toilet blocks and other amenities will be made available thereat.

Reply: In July 2004, 23 fishermen operating at the fish landing station situated at Lataniers River were relocated to a new mooring place at Fort William, Les Salines. These fishermen, who were operating in the inner harbour, apparently had uncontrolled access to ships in port and represented a risk to port safety. As such their activities were found not to be in compliance with the requirements of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code.

Following recommendations of the National Maritime and Harbour Security Committee (NMHSC), the then Government accordingly de-registered the fish landing station at Lataniers River and the fishermen concerned were paid a compensation of Rs200,000 each.

In September 2004, a track road was constructed to enable these fishermen unhindered access to the mooring site at Fort William by the Mauritius Ports Authority. In addition, embellishment works were undertaken in the immediate surroundings of the road and a kiosk was constructed to give shelter to the fishermen.

I am informed by the Mauritius Ports Authority that several meetings were held under the chairmanship of the then Prime Minister on the matter at which it was clearly pointed out that these fishermen would land their catch at Bain des Dames fish landing station and thereafter moor their boats at Fort William. No provision has, therefore, been made for other facilities such as toilets and water supply, as this site is used solely as a mooring place.

**MORC. HERMITAGE, COROMANDEL (CHEMIN LA MORT)
– UPGRADING WORKS**

(No. I A/1) Mr R. Bhagwan (First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière) asked the Minister of Environment and National Development Unit whether, in regard to the upgrading of the road, commonly known as Chemin La Mort, at Morcellement Hermitage, Coromandel, he will state whether tenders were launched, the closing date for submission of bids and where matters stand.

Reply: Tenders for the project of slope stabilisation and the rehabilitation of the road commonly known as Chemin La Mort at Morcellement Hermitage, Coromandel were launched on a turnkey basis in June 2005. The tenders were launched on a design and construction basis because of land acquisition problem and technical difficulties in undertaking the slope stabilisation works. It was believed that contractors could come up with a variety of solutions based on new technologies. The closing date for the submission of bids was 24 August 2005.

On 26 August 2005, my Ministry has been informed by the Central Tender Board that no bid has been received for the project. Since no bid has been received, it is now proposed to request the NDU's consultant to carry out the designs. Once the designs are completed and the way leave issues are addressed, the tenders for the project will be launched.