

**MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY****Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 23 March 2021****Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity**

B/1           The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill  
(Mr Nagalingum)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

**Whether, in regard to the GAM Terminal at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Civil Aviation Department, information as to the number of private jets which landed thereat over the past six months, indicating in each case (a) the embarkment port (b) the number of passengers carried (c) the date of approval for landing and by whom and (d) if all established quarantine protocols were observed?**

B/2           The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière  
(Mr Bhagwan)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

**Whether, in regard to the decision of the High-Level Committee on the COVID-19 Pandemic for the retention of Bo Digital Co. Ltd and AV Techno-World Co. Ltd. as suppliers of face masks and other medical supplies and equipment, he will state (a) who introduced and/or recommended these companies to the High-Level Committee on the COVID-19 Pandemic and (b) if any due diligence was carried out on the financial history, business activity and track record thereof prior to the award of the contracts thereto?**

B/3 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

**Whether, in regard to the Work Access Permits, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the total number thereof issued since 10 March 2021 to date and table the list of companies/entities having been granted same, indicating in each case, the (a) sector of activity (b) dates of applications (c) dates of issue and (d) number thereof issued?**

B/4 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

**Whether, in regard to incoming passengers, including officials and foreign delegations and passengers who travelled by private jets, since 01 February 2021 to date, he will state the number thereof who were exempted from undergoing quarantine, indicating in each case, the reasons therefor?**

B/5 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Anquetil**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

**Whether, in regard the current lockdown, he will state if Government (a) will extend the lockdown presently imposed in Constituencies Nos. 15, 16 and 17 qualified as Red Zone Areas and (b) consider introducing a National COVID-19 Alert System?**

B/6 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

**Whether, in regard to the diplomats, he will state if any of them has travelled to the Republic of Mauritius since the implementation of compulsory quarantine with effect from March 2020, indicating in each case, if the said person observed same and, if so, indicate (a) the name of the Quarantine Centre where he/she underwent same and (b) duration thereof?**

B/7 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

**Whether, in regard to the Indian delegation headed by the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs of India which visited Mauritius recently, he will state if the members thereof observed the quarantine protocol of 14 days and, if not, why not?**

B/8 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

**Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of people booked and/or arrested, if any, since March 2020 to date, for (a) breach of Temporary Restriction Movement and (b) not respecting the sanitary rules?**

B/9 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

**Whether, in regard to the Government Information Services, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the number of press accreditations delivered to the media, indicating the criteria for acceptance and refusal thereof since 2015 to date and (b) if a revamping of the press card is in process?**

B/10 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

**Whether, in regard to the notice to the population prior to current COVID-19 lockdown, he will state if other ways of giving notice thereof in terms of time were available?**

B/11 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

**Whether in regard to offences under the Prevention of Resurgence and Further Spread of Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations 2020 and the Quarantine Act 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information to the number of persons (a) arrested (b) prosecuted and (c) convicted thereunder?**

B/12 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

**Whether, in regard to the fishing vessel Lu Rong Yuan Yu 588 found drifted off the Pointe aux Sables coast, on Sunday 07 March 2021, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Coast Guard, information as to the time (a) when the first distress signals were registered by the coast guards and (b) the crew was rescued?**

B/13 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplémousses and Triolet (**Mr Woochit**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

**Whether, in regard to private jets landed at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport since January 2021 to date, he will state (a) if all quarantine procedures were followed by the passengers and members of the crew thereof and (b) the measures taken by his Ministry, indicating the logistics put in place to contain the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic?**

B/14 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

**Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, he will state if consideration will be given for the setting up of a Covid-19 Alert System, and if not, why not?**

**Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity**

B/15            The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill  
(Mr Nagalingum)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the on-going administration to the population of the Covishield (AstraZeneca) Vaccine under the National Deployment and Vaccination Programme, he will state (a) the scale and pace thereof, indicating if sufficient doses of the Covishield (AstraZeneca) Vaccine are presently available for both doses for at least 60% of the population and, if not, indicate the measures being taken to ensure the availability thereof for 100% of the population and (b) if the further decentralization thereof through the primary healthcare centres, mediclinics and offices of the Citizen Advice Bureau will be envisaged?**

B/16            The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or  
(Dr Gungapersad)

*To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –*

**Whether, in regard to the Primary School Achievement Certificate, the National Certificate of Education and the Cambridge School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Local Examinations for 2021, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, information as to the (a) number of examination centres that will be set up therefor (b) number of students to be accommodated per class and (c) health and safety measures being taken for everyone involved therein?**

B/17            The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or  
(Dr Gungapersad)

*To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –*

**Whether, in regard to the Academies at the secondary school, she will state (a) if those which were formerly single gender schools are now infrastructurally equipped and ready to run as mixed schools and (b) the nature of work that has been carried out to accommodate students of both genders?**

B/18 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or  
(Dr Gungapersad)

*To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –*

**Whether, in regard to the Primary School Achievement Certificate, the National Certificate of Education and the Cambridge School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Local Examinations for 2021, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, information as to the number of supervisors, coordinators and invigilators who will be required, indicating (a) the number of applications received therefor and the number of those who have now declined amid the prevalence of COVID-19 cases and (b) if they will be vaccinated prior to officiating as such?**

B/19 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or  
(Dr Gungapersad)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms –*

**Whether, in regard to the Work-from-Home Scheme, he will state the number of public officers who are working thereunder in each Ministry, amid the COVID-19 Pandemic, indicating the (a) facilities given thereto and (b) training given thereto, indicating (i) by whom (ii) when and (iii) duration thereof?**

B/20 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière  
(Mr Bhagwan)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –*

**Whether, in regard to the companies which were awarded contracts for the supply of face masks and other medical supplies and equipment amid the COVID-19 pandemic from the State Trading Corporation and the Ministry of Commerce and Consumer Protection, he will state the names of those having benefitted from advance payments, indicating in each case (a) the quantum of funds advanced and date/s thereof and (b) if due diligence exercises were carried out on the financial history, business activities and track record thereof prior thereto?**

B/21 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping –*

**Whether, in regard to the special permission granted for fishing activities from 11 to 25 March 2021, he will state the (a) arrangements made by his Ministry to facilitate fishing activities at sea (b) number of registered fishers and applicants for Fishermen Card who have notified the Fisheries posts since 11 March 2021 to date and (c) financial assistance envisaged to compensate non-fishing days?**

B/22 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping –*

**Whether, in regard to the fishing vessel Lu Rong Yuan Yu 588 which ran aground on the reefs of Pointe aux Sables on 07 March 2021, he will state (a) when the vessel entered the territorial sea and the port waters of Mauritius, giving details of the communications exchanged between the captain thereof and the National Coast Guard and the Mauritius Ports Authority, respectively (b) if it holds a fishing licence to operate in the Exclusive Economic Zone of Mauritius and (c) the first conclusions of the preliminary investigation on the grounding thereof?**

B/23 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the on-going administration to the population of Covid-19 Vaccine under the National Deployment and Vaccination Programme, he will state the names and types of vaccines being administered, indicating in each case (a) the number of available doses thereof (b) if the green light of the World Health Organization or of any other international health organization has been granted prior to the utilization thereof and (c) if the second dose to be administered will be same as the first one and, if not, why not?**



B/24 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière  
(Mr Quirin)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation –*

**Whether, in regard to the Mauritian athletes, he will state if it is mandatory for them to get vaccinated against the Covid-19 pandemic prior to proceeding abroad to attend international competitions, indicating the reasons therefor?**

B/25 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix  
(Mr Assirvaden)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –*

**Whether, in regard to our diplomatic missions abroad, he will state the number of Ambassadors posted thereat who are presently in Mauritius, indicating since when?**

B/26 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix  
(Mr Assirvaden)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –*

**Whether, in regard to food distribution and price control during the present Covid-19 lockdown, he will state the measures taken to ensure (a) a fair distribution to prevent artificial shortages thereof and (b) an effective price control by retailers and other food distributors?**

B/27 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix  
(Mr Assirvaden)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to allegations of malpractices in the emergency procurement exercises carried out during the first Covid-19 lockdown, he will (a) state the measures taken in relation thereto and (b) table copy of the changes brought to the emergency procurement procedures if any, and, if not, why not?**

B/28 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien  
(Mr Ramful)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the procurement of doses of COVID-19 Vaccines through the COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access (COVAX) facility, from other pharmaceutical companies or friendly countries, he will give an update thereof?**

B/29 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien  
(Mr Ramful)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 Vaccines being administered under the National Deployment and Vaccination Programme, he will state if the suppliers have been queried as to the (a) effectiveness thereof against the new variants and (b) duration of the effectiveness thereof?**

B/30 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien  
(Mr Ramful)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –*

**Whether, in regard to the allocation of funds for approved projects under the COVID-19 Projects Development Fund and the Local Development Projects for the Grand Port District Council, he will state if the Minister is contemplating allocating the funds to other projects not approved by the Council and, if so, indicate the reasons therefor?**

B/31 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien  
(Mr Ramful)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –*

**Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, he will state the (a) quantum of public funds disbursed as at to date under the COVID-19 related financial measures, in particular, the Wage Assistance Scheme, the Self-employed Assistance Scheme and the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd., for the preservation of employment (b) number of job losses since the outbreak thereof and (c) actual rate of unemployment?**

B/32 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the Melbees Nursery School, he will state the number of registered pupils thereat at the time of detection of the first two positive recent cases of Covid-19 thereat, indicating the number of (a) registered pupils (b) teaching and non-teaching staff members and (c) parents thereof who were quarantined and (d) quarantine centres where they underwent same and duration thereof?**

B/33 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –*

**Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 Solidarity Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom (a) information as to the total quantum of funds collected as at to date and (b) table the list of beneficiaries thereof, indicating in each case, the quantum of funds disbursed?**

B/34 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the fifty defective ventilators procured from Pack & Blister, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed reimbursement thereof?**

B/35 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Anquetil**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –*

**Whether, in regard to domestic and family violence against women and children, she will state the number of reported cases thereof through hotlines number 139 and 119, respectively, since the implementation of the current lockdown, indicating the (a) number of placements made by her Ministry and (b) arrangements made available and accessible to the personnel of the institutions where these persons have been placed to give assistance thereto?**

B/36 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal  
(Ms Anquetil)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –*

**Whether in regard to the Cap Malheureux Relay Centre, also known as Shelter L'Oiseau du Paradis, she will state the (a) number of babies and children accommodated thereat, since December 2020 to date, indicating the gender, age and date of admission thereof and (b) preventive and sanitary measures put in place thereat against the COVID-19 pandemic?**

B/37 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal  
(Ms Anquetil)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation –*

**Whether, in regard to the recent dissemination of several degrading and humiliating cyber videos against Mrs S. K., he will, for the benefit of House, obtain from the Information Communication Technologies Authority, information as to if sanctions have been imposed on the internet users involved therein and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?**

B/38 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands  
(Mr Yeung Sik Yuen)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –*

**Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak and the impact thereof on the economy, he will state if Government will consider taking measures to require leasing companies to grant a moratorium period for repayment of capital and interests from, especially, the operators of the tourism sector?**

B/39 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands  
(**Mr Yeung Sik Yuen**)

*To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –*

**Whether, in regard to the commercial agreement of around Rs 400 million signed with the Liverpool Football Club, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority, information as to the (a) process adopted for and the persons involved in the vetting thereof prior to signature (b) terms and conditions thereof and (c) number of additional tourists and extra tourism earnings expected to be generated following implementation thereof?**

B/40 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the procurement of protective equipment, sanitary equipment and medicines amid the Covid-19 pandemic since June 2020 to date, he will state the procurement procedures followed, indicating the (a) dates of the launching of tenders therefor (b) names of the successful bidders (c) details of the emergency procurement exercises carried out, if any, and (d) details of the stock of PPE and COVID-19 test kits available as at to date?**

B/41 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Tour**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation –*

**Whether, in regard to Horizon Paris 2024, he will state where matters stand as to the preparation of the Mauritian athletes therefor (a) indicating the criteria for the selection of the thirteen participating Mauritian athletes thereto and (b) giving details of the provision, if any, of complementary mental, nutritional and medical expertise thereto for the progress and performance optimization thereof?**

B/42 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Tour**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation –*

**Whether, in regard to the forthcoming Tokyo Olympic Games, he will state the (a) names of the athletes who will be participating therein and (b) measures taken to ensure the safety of the Mauritian athletes during their travel and stay in the Olympic village abroad?**

B/43 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the disabled and bedridden patients, he will state the special measures taken, if any, for the administration thereto of the Covid-19 Vaccine under the National Deployment and Vaccination Programme?**

B/44 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –*

**Whether, in regard to the vulnerable man/woman/child victims of domestic violence, she will state the (a) measures taken by her Ministry for the protection thereof during the lockdown period and (b) number of reported cases thereof, since January 2020 to date on a monthly basis?**

B/45 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives –*

**Whether, in regard to the local export-oriented enterprises, he will state the performance thereof during the year 2020, indicating how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected same?**

B/46 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –*

**Whether, in regard to the current on-going public contracts for projects being managed by his Ministry and parastatals falling under the purview of his Ministry, he will state the contractual impacts thereof in terms of costs, if any, amid the present COVID-19 lockdown?**

B/47 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the logistics of the public hospital service, more specifically, the SAMU hotline 114, the COVID Hotline 8924 and the Internal Rapid Response Team, he will state the (a) specific duties and responsibilities of each and (b) measures taken to avoid confusion between same during the COVID-19 lockdown?**

B/48 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the post of Director, Health Services, responsible for public health, he will state the name, qualifications and experience held by the present incumbent thereof?**

B/49 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –*

**Whether, in regard to the children known by the services of her Ministry to be at risk of being victims of abuse or violence, she will state if regular checks are carried out by her Ministry and, if so, indicate the number thereof (a) carried out since the beginning of the lockdown to date and (b) which culminated into concrete actions to ensure the protection of child victims, indicating the nature of the actions taken in each case?**

B/50 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal  
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the pressure and risks faced by the medical staff in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, he will state if any special assistance, in the form of psychological support or otherwise, is being provided thereto and, if not, why not?**

B/51 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 vaccines, he will state the (a) quantum of funds earmarked for the procurement thereof, indicating the quantum thereof disbursed as at 05 March 2021 and (b) number and type thereof available for the Mauritian population as at 05 March 2021, giving details, if any, of the pre-orders as at 05 March 2021?**

B/52 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the Astrazeneca (Covishield) Vaccine, he will state the composition thereof, indicating if his Ministry is in presence of data on possible allergies, side effects and hospitalization following the administration thereof to the population under the National Deployment and Vaccination Programme and indicate if Government is proposing to acquire other Covid-19 vaccines such as Covaxin Pfizer, Biotech or Moderna?**

B/53 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to each quarantine centre, for the past six months, he will (a) state if (i) his Ministry had control over the implementation of the rules and regulations thereat, indicating the names and roles of the responsible officers of his Ministry thereat and (ii) the incoming passengers have mandatorily observed the 14-day quarantine and (b) give the list of the quarantined persons thereat, indicating the number thereof confirmed PCR positive and referred to the ENT or Souillac hospitals and had a negative PCR test on Day - 14 on discharge?**



- B/54            The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*
- Whether, in regard to the atypical COVID-19 cases, he will give details of the features thereof, indicating (a) the number of reported cases thereof in Mauritius as at to date and (b) if his Ministry proposes to review its local protocol to include further testing after Day-14 of those who have been quarantined?**
- B/55            The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –*
- Whether, in regard to the Covid-19 lockdown, he will state the estimated (a) impact thereof on (i) economic growth (ii) unemployment and (iii) budget deficit and (b) costs of the measures taken by Government in response thereto, indicating the source of financing therefor?**
- B/56            The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –*
- Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 Solidarity Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the quantum of funds therein since the implementation thereof on a monthly basis, indicating the quantum thereof (a) available as at to date (b) disbursed as at to date, indicating the names of the beneficiaries and (c) allocated through the National Social Inclusion Foundation to Non-Government Organisations, giving details of the projects implemented?**
- B/57            The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity –*
- Whether, in regard to the vulnerable persons, she will state the measures taken by her Ministry to provide assistance thereto during the lockdown period, indicating if consideration has been given to the people having no fixed place of abode and people on the Social Register of Mauritius?**

B/58 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (**Ms Ramyad**)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the AstraZeneca Vaccine, he will state (a) the number thereof available as at to date in the country, indicating the (i) brands available (ii) date received and (iii) expiry dates thereof and (b) when the next consignment thereof is awaited for the administration of the second dose?**

B/59 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (**Ms Ramyad**)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the health staff working with COVID-19 positive patients, he will state the quarantine procedures set up therefor?**

B/60 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (**Ms Ramyad**)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the recent outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, he will state when the first local COVID-19 patient was reported at his Ministry, indicating the (a) number of serology tests carried out and (b) outcome thereof?**

B/61 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (**Ms Ramyad**)

*To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –*

**Whether, in regard to the dogs kept at the Animal Home of Port Louis, he will state the plan of action envisaged for the rehabilitation thereof, indicating the approximate timeline established for the successful implementation thereof?**

B/62 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

*To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –*

**Whether, in regard to the Cambridge School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate Local Examinations for 2021, she will state the measures taken to allow all eligible students to take part therein, amid the Covid-19 pandemic?**

B/63 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet  
(Mr Woochit)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the 50 ventilators purchased from Pack and Blister, he will state (a) the total cost incurred, including freight (b) if the installation thereof by foreign experts and commissioning thereof have been successfully completed and, if not, why not (c) if same are under warranty, indicating the defect liability period for the replacement thereof and (d) the provision that has been made to remedy this situation in case of emergency?**

B/64 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet  
(Mr Woochit)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the Covid-19 Vaccines, he will state (a) the budget earmarked for the procurement of the second dose thereof, indicating the (i) source of funds therefor and (ii) estimated cost thereof (b) the agreement between the Government and the private clinics concerning the payment of Rs 300 therefor and (c) if delivery thereof to his Ministry is received without problems during the negotiations to get priority supply thereof and, if so, how?**

B/65 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix  
(Mr Lobine)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to Constituencies Nos. 15, 16 and 17, he will state the special protocol put in place, if any, to proceed with mass testing of the inhabitants thereof at the earliest and, if not, why not?**

B/66 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 vaccine, he will state the number thereof that are expected to arrive in Mauritius, indicating the (a) names thereof, indicating if same have been endorsed by the World Health Organisation (b) countries of origin thereof (c) cost involved and (d) names of those received in donation?**

B/67 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

*To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –*

**Whether, in regard to sheltered farming as proposed under the National Agri Food Development program set up in June 2020, he will state the number of applications received therefor as at to date?**

B/68 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –*

**Whether, in regard to the complaint desk and hotline 185 set up at the level of the Ministry of Commerce and Consumer Protection, he will state the number of complaints received as at to date?**

B/69 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the recruitment exercise of nurses and doctors on a contractual basis for the administration of Covid-19 vaccines under the National Deployment and Vaccination Programme, he will state where matters stand?**

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**MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY****Questions of which notice has been given****Not Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 23 March 2021*****Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity***

A/1 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

**Whether, in regard to the Work Access Permit, he will table the list of the applications received and entertained since 10 March 2021 to date, indicating the (a) names of the companies that have sought and obtained approval for home delivery services and (b) number of Non-Government Organisations that have sought and obtained approval for the distribution of food packs and other social services amid the COVID-19 pandemic?**

A/2 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

**Whether, in regard to the private jets which landed at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport since October 2020 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Civil Aviation Department, information as to the number of persons who alighted therefrom, indicating the number thereof who were exempted from undergoing the mandatory 14-day quarantine period in a dedicated quarantine centre and the reasons therefor?**

A/3 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

**Whether, in regard to drug proliferation in Plaine Verte and Roche Bois, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of arrests effected in connection therewith over the past two years, indicating the additional measures taken to address same, especially, in the Plaine Verte Garden?**

**Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity**

A/4 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Nagalingum**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –*

**Whether, in regard to the roads, drains and footpaths in the region of Rose Hill, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the expected completion date of the full reinstatement thereof, following the recent pipe-laying works carried out by the Central Water Authority?**

A/5 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Nagalingum**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation –*

**Whether, in regard to the Youth Centre at Trèfles, in Rose Hill, he will state where matters stand as to the taking of remedial measures regarding the damages caused thereat during the lockdown period last year?**

A/6 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière  
(Mr Bhagwan)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the procurement of ventilators from Pack & Blister amid the COVID-19 pandemic, he will state (a) who introduced and/or recommended this company to the High-Level Committee on COVID-19 and subsequently to his Ministry (b) the number of ventilators which are fully operational and (c) where matters stand with regard to any defective ventilator procured from Pack & Blister?**

A/7 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière  
(Mr Bhagwan)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the existing sanitary protocol for pilots and cabin crew for both passengers and cargo flights on their return to Mauritius, he will give details thereof, indicating if there has been any representation for the review of the existing protocol and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?**

A/8 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière  
(Mr Quirin)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation –*

**Whether, in regard to the death of triathlete J. H., on 17 January 2020, while participating in an official competition, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Triathlon Federation, information as to if the Federation had taken all the medical and technical measures required as per the international rules during the holding of the competition and, if not, why not, and (b) state if his Ministry has caused an inquiry to be carried out thereinto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?**

A/9 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière  
(Mr Quirin)

*To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –*

**Whether, in regard to zipline, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tourism Authority, the list of places where same is practised, indicating the (a) names of the companies operating same and the terms and conditions imposed therefor (b) reported number of accidents which have occurred in connection therewith since 2014 to date, indicating the number of fatal ones and (c) security checks carried out, indicating (i) the frequency thereof and (ii) by whom?**

A/10 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the contact tracing exercises carried out by his Ministry in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic, he will state the (a) number of personnel attached to the teams involved therein and (b) protocol established therefor?**

A/11 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to patients who have been tested COVID-19 positive, he will state the treatment protocol established by his Ministry therefor?**

A/12 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Richard Duval)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –*

**Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 12, Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien, he will state if a timeframe has been set for the carrying out of drains works in the flood-prone areas where same are required?**



A/13 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –*

**Whether, in regard to the price of commodities, he will state the number of reported cases of abusive increases thereof amid the Covid-19 pandemic, indicating the actions taken by his Ministry to deal therewith?**

A/14 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the families that have been put in quarantine following the detection of COVID-19 cases at the Melbees Nursery School, he will state why (a) some families have been asked to stay in quarantine more than 14 days although the results of their PCR tests were negative and (b) the home isolation and quarantine protocols recommended for children by UNICEF was not put in place?**

A/15 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –*

**Whether, in regard to the shelter 'L'Oiseau du Paradis' Relay Centre in Cap Malheureux, she will state the number of (a) children staying thereat and (b) caregivers on duty on-site to take care of the children during the current lockdown?**

A/16 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –*

**Whether, in regard to the loans granted by the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd. to distressed enterprises affected by Covid-19 at a concessional rate of 0.5 percent per annum, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank, information as to the (a) number of applications received therefor and (b) quantum of funds disbursed thereunder as at to date, indicating the number of beneficiaries and their respective sector of activities?**

A/17 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –*

**Whether, in regard to the Equity Participation Scheme to assist enterprises with financial difficulties in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation Ltd., information as to the (a) number of applications received therefor and (b) quantum of funds disbursed thereunder as at to date, indicating the number of beneficiaries and their respective sector of activities?**

A/18 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping –*

**Whether, in regard to the registered fishers, he will state if they will be eligible for the Wages Assistance Scheme amid the current Covid-19 lockdown inasmuch as they are allowed to work only twice a week on alphabetical order and, if not, why not?**

A/19 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

*To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –*

**Whether, in regard to the National Certificate of Education examinations to be held this year, she will give a list of secondary institutions whose students will not participate therein?**

A/20 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –*

**Whether she will state if she is aware of a recent alleged case of child trafficking in Quatre Bornes and, if so, indicate if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto?**

A/21 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix  
(Mr Lobine)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –*

**Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 Projects Development Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) number of projects approved and financed thereunder, indicating the quantum of funds disbursed as at to date and (b) names of the persons serving on the Covid-19 Projects Development Committee?**

A/22 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –*

**Whether, in regard to the contract awarded to Neeteeselec Ltd., he will state and, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, in each case, information as to the (a) value (b) mode of selection and (c) scope thereof?**

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