

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 31 March 2009

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

B/1 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 Mr N. P., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if he was arrested on or about Monday 06 January 2009 and, if so (a) the reasons therefor and (b) the charges lodged against him, if any?

B/2 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 Mr N. P., Chief Editor at the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if he has been suspended and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/3 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 cases in which the State has been advised that damages be paid to individuals/companies following decisions taken by the Police, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, for the period January 2006 to date, information as to (a) the reasons therefor and (b) the amount in each case?

B/4 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Guinness)**

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

Whether, in regard to Mr N. P., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if he was arrested in the month of January 2009 and, if so, indicate (a) the reasons therefor and (b) the charges lodged against him, if any?

B/5 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

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

Whether, in regard to the accident which occurred on Wednesday 25 February 2009 at Le Hochet, Terre Rouge, in which minor D. H. was involved, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto, and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/6 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

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

Whether, in regard to the financial situation of the Air Mauritius Ltd., he will state if he has had meetings with the representatives of the Trade Unions of the Company and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/7 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands **(Mr Dowarkasing)**

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

Whether, in regard to the 2000 Lisbon Summit, he will state the measures and initiatives taken by Government to implement the European Union-Africa Strategic Plan of Action?

B/8 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether, in regard to sexual offences, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, since March 2008 todate?

B/9 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether, in regard to offences in which knives, sabers, and cutters have been used, 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 2006 todate, indicating if the law will be amended to provide for tougher penalties?

B/10 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent accident which occurred at a bus stop in Terre Rouge, involving one D. H., a college student, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/11 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether, in regard to domestic violence against women, 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 2008 todate?

B/12 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 he will state if he is aware of allegations of 'traffic d'influence' recently made against one of his advisers by a shareholder of Empowering People Ltd?

B/13 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 the proposed relocation of the Trou Fanfaron Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if a plot of land has already been identified and, if so, indicate (a) its location (b) the extent thereof and (c) where matters stand?

B/14 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 cases of assault perpetrated on bus drivers and conductors, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, since March 2008 to date?

B/15 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 cases of road accident at bus stations in which students have been killed or seriously injured, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof since July 2005 to date?

B/16 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 Madagascar, he will state the latest political development, indicating (a) the role of the regional and international organisations of which both Mauritius and Madagascar are members in finding a solution to resolve the crisis and (b) the situation of the Mauritian community living in Madagascar?

B/17 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 the Tromelin Island and further to the meeting he had with Mr Nicholas Sarkozy, the President of the Republic of France, he will state the outcome of the recent meeting held between the top officials of the Republic of Mauritius and those of the Republic of France?

B/18 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the electoral reform, he will state where matters stand?

B/19 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues **(Mr Nancy)**

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

Whether, in regard to an accident which occurred at sea, on Friday 13 March 2009, at La Passe Carangue in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the National Coast Guard took active part in the search operation immediately after being alerted, indicating (a) the time at which they started the operation and (b) the details of the rescue vessel?

B/20 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to cases of infanticide, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof in which the parents have been involved over the past ten years?

B/21 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues **(Mr Speville)**

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to if the members of the public in Rodrigues has, since December 2008, to compulsorily install a Digital Terrestrial Receiver so as to have access to the MBC/TV programmes and, if so, the number thereof who have not yet made their installation, indicating if Government proposes to assist those who cannot afford same?

B/22 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 and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the Fact Finding Committee set up to inquire into the allegations made against Mrs I. M., Board Member of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, he will state the fees paid or to be paid to the Chairperson of the Committee?

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

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

Whether he will state if Government proposes to amend the electoral legislations to make provisions for a Code of Conduct to complement the legal provisions in force regarding the holding and conduct of elections in Mauritius?

**Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than Dr
the Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence and Home Affairs**

B/24 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Financial Secretary, he will state (a) his present terms and conditions of employment and (b) the different Boards on which he sits, indicating in each case (i) in which capacity and (ii) the fees to which he is entitled?

B/25 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether he will state if he has received a request from the Surinam Sporting Club for the lease of State land to build a club house and, if so, where matters stand?

B/26 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether, in regard to the request made to his Ministry for the lease of land to construct a second cemetery in Rivière Noire and St Martin/ Bel Ombre, he will state where matters stand?

B/27 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Additional Stimulus Package , he will state (a) the amount disbursed as at todate and (b) the conditions applicable for Government interventions?

B/28 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-

Whether, in regard to the two Trade Unionists of the Mauritius Telecom who were dismissed, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Telecom, information as to if they have now been re-instated and, if not, why not?

B/29 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the hedging transactions on petroleum products carried out by the State Trading Corporation, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (i) the total amount of loss incurred as at todate (ii) the provision for hedging losses included in the price structure of petroleum products (iii) the total amount of hedging losses being passed on to customers on a monthly basis and (d) table copy of the contract agreement between the Mangalore Petroleum Products and the State Trading Corporation?

B/30 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the bailing out operation of the Air Mauritius Ltd., he will state (a) the amount of money disbursed by Government and (b) if the Support Plan has exceeded the provision under the contingencies and reserves and, if so, since when?

B/31 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

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

Whether, in regard to summer time, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the decrease as at todate in (a) the maximum demand for energy and (b) the energy consumption in respect of (i) the domestic consumers (ii) the, commercial consumers and (iii) the industrial consumers?

B/32 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal **(Mrs Labelle)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-

Whether, following the promulgation of the Employment Rights Act 2008, he will state the number of employees who have been laid off, in each sector?

B/33 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 schools, he will state if a general timetable has been communicated thereto and, if so (a) since when and (b) table copy thereof?

B/34 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 teachers working on a contractual basis in the Pre-Vocational sector, he will state the number thereof, indicating the average number of years of service reckoned by each of them?

B/35 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 Additional Stimulus Package, he will state the amount of money disbursed, indicating the name of the beneficiaries thereof?

B/36 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 coastal erosion, he will state if he has taken cognizance of a report thereon submitted by the Baird and Associates in 2003 and, if so, indicate the measures taken as at todate?

B/37 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

The Honourable the Attorney-General:-

Whether he will state if he has received complaints from the public, especially mothers, for non-compliance with arrangements in respect of alimony and, if so, indicate the measures he proposes to take?

B/38 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the rescue plan of the Air Mauritius Ltd., he will state the amount of money (a) given as guarantee and (b) disbursed in favour of the Company?

B/39 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-

Whether he will state the number of employees who have been laid off since the promulgation of the Employment Rights Act 2008?

B/40 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Allet**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-

Whether, in regard to Mr R. R. and Mr I. C., the two trade unionists of the Mauritius Telecom who were dismissed, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Telecom, information as to if they have been re-instated and, if not, why not?

B/41 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 the recruitment of the staff members and manual workers at the Cargo Handling Corporation, since July 2005 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the number thereof, indicating (a) their names, addresses and respective posting and (b) if the posts were advertised and, if so, when, in each case?

B/42 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 the recruitment of the staff members and manual workers at the Mauritius Port Authority since July 2005 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the number thereof, indicating (a) their names, addresses and respective posting and (b) if the posts were advertised and, if so, when, in each case?

B/43 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 the recruitment of the staff members and manual workers at the Airports of Mauritius Company Ltd. since July 2005 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company, information as to the number thereof, indicating (a) their names, addresses and respective posting and (b) if the posts were advertised and, if so, when, in each case?

B/44 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether, in regard to potable water, he is aware of the difficulties being faced by the public due to the faulty water reticulation system and, if so, will he (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the percentage of water loss in the distribution system and (b) state the remedial measures that have been or are being taken?

B/45 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether, in regard to summer time, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the amount of savings made in terms of (a) energy consumption and (b) money?

B/46 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether he is aware that there is a substantial drop in the intake of students in Standard I at the primary level and if so, will he consider changing the cut off date of attaining the age of five on 31 December of the previous year to 31 March of the intake year so that children born on or before 31 March of that year be eligible for admission?

B/47 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent procurement of glucometers by his Ministry, he will state if he is aware of any allegations made in respect of the norms and quality thereof and, if so, indicate if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/48 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to gill-net permits, he will state if same have been recently delivered in the region of Trou aux Biches and, if so, indicate (a) since when and (b) the number of beneficiaries thereof, indicating their names and addresses?

B/49 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Alleviation of Absolute Poverty Scheme, he will state the total amount of money spent for the Constituency No. 4, Port Louis North and Montagne Longue, since its implementation todate, indicating in each case, the quantum disbursed, region-wise?

B/50 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the compulsory acquisition of a plot of land in Roche Bois, near the flyover, for the implementation of a market fair, he will state if financial clearance has been obtained and, if so, where matters stand?

B/51 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

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

Whether, in regard to the political crisis in Madagascar, he will state the diplomatic initiatives taken by Mauritius with a view to finding a solution thereto?

B/52 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

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

Whether, in regard to the vacancies for the posts of Court Ushers and Court Officers, he will state the number thereof, in each case, as at todate, indicating if measures are being taken to fill same?

B/53 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

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

Whether, in regard to the tarring of the road linking the villages of Des Places and Carreau Esnouf, he will state where matters stand?

B/54 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a Community Centre in Le Bouchon, he will state where matters stand?

B/55 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the 10th anniversary of the death of Joseph Reginald Topize, also known as Kaya, he will state if Government will consider the advisability of erecting a monument in his memory for his contribution to the development of our local music and the creation of the Seggae Music?

B/56 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the acquisition of fishing boats which was discussed at a meeting chaired by the then Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries on 12 September 2008, he will state where matters stand?

B/57 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the fish-farming project in the southern region, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fishermen Investment Trust, information as to if the Trust will invest therein and, if so, give details thereof?

B/58 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

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

Whether, in regard to the practice of sports, he will state if the sports infrastructural facilities on school premises are still being put at the disposal of the people of the localities thereof, after school hours and, if so, indicate if they are being charged a fee for same?

B/59 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a building to house the Nelson Mandela Centre for African Culture, he will state where matters stand?

B/60 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether, in regard to surgical operations, he will state (a) the number of patients awaiting same in each hospital and indicate the different areas of specialization (b) the steps taken or to be taken to shorten the awaiting period and (c) any remedial action taken to improve information and communication between the patients and the medical authorities regarding date of surgical operations?

B/61 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mr Bodha**)

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

Whether, in regard to the football grounds at Cité Loyseau and Cité Mangalkhan in Constituency No. 16, Vacoas and Floréal, he will state if he will consider installing lighting facilities thereat and, if so, when?

B/62 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mr Bodha**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a new road linking Le Réduit to Terre Rouge, he will state where matters stand?

B/63 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the financial situation of Air Mauritius Ltd., he will state (a) the losses incurred by the Company on its hedging contracts up to period ending 15 March 2009 (b) the projected amount of unrealized losses on unexpired hedging contracts maturing up to August 2010 based on current fuel price (c) the amount of money the Company has had to issue in terms of collaterals so far (d) the amount of money Government has pledged as guarantee so far and (e) the projected losses at the end of March 2009?

B/64 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 re-instatement of the two trade unionists of the Mauritius Telecom, Mr R. R. and Mr I. C., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Telecom, information as to where matters stand?

B/65 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 Berjaya Hotel, he will state (a) the number of employees still in employment out of the previous total work force (b) if renovation works are still in progress and, if so, when same will be completed and (c) if the new owners took an undertaking not to lay off any employee pending the re-opening of the establishment?

B/66 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 layoff of employees, since August 2008, he will state (a) the number thereof (b) the names of the companies which have laid off their work force and (c) if Government proposes to review the Employment Rights Act 2008 to amend the procedure relating to layoff?

B/67 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 granting of permits to foreign tertiary educational institutions wishing to operate in the Republic of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tertiary Education Commission, information as to the criteria used by the Commission for the granting thereof?

B/68 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 Mauras School of Dentistry, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tertiary Education Commission, information as to (a) the date on which the application for its operation was made (b) the date of approval (c) the institution to which the Mauras School of Dentistry is affiliated and (d) the number of students who have completed the Bachelor in Dental Surgery Course from the School of Dentistry?

B/69 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the students of the Mauras School of Dentistry, he will state the number thereof who have been registered at the Dental Council of Mauritius?

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-

Whether, in regard to the layoff of employees since the promulgation of the Employment Rights Act 2008, he will state the number of employees who have (a) been laid off and paid compensation (b) registered for the workforce programme after being laid off ?

B/71 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry, Science and Research:-

Whether, in regard to the financial crisis, he will state (a) the number of enterprises which have closed down in the Export Processing Zone and the non Export Processing Zone sectors, since July 2008 todate and (b) the remedial measures that are being taken?

B/72 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues **(Mr Nancy)**

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

Whether, in regard to the capital budget earmarked for Rodrigues in the 2008-2009 budget, he will give a detailed breakdown of the amount of fund disbursed as at todate?

- B/73 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Nancy**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-*
- Whether, in regard to the economic crisis prevailing in Rodrigues, he will state if Government will consider proposing an Additional Stimulus Package to boost up the tourism sector and other small enterprises which are encountering difficulties?**
- B/74 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Nancy**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues and Outer Islands:-*
- Whether, in regard to people travelling from Rodrigues to Mauritius by ship, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Shipping Corporation Ltd., information as to the number thereof, on a monthly basis, since January 2008 to date?**
- B/75 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Cuttaree**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-*
- Whether, in regard to the Additional Stimulus Package, he will state (a) the amount of funds disbursed or earmarked for disbursement and (b) the names of the companies which have benefitted or will benefit from the package, indicating the funds disbursed or earmarked to be disbursed to each of them?**
- B/76 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Cuttaree**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-*
- Whether, in regard to the wages of the employees of the private sector, he will state what the total amount of one per cent deduction therefrom represents monthly?**

B/77 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Cuttaree)

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

Whether he will state if he is aware of the water leakage problem in the apartments at the NHDC Estate at Camp Levieux and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd. information as to the remedial measures it proposes to take?

B/78 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Cuttaree)

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

Whether, in regard to the Additional Stimulus Package, he will state if Government proposes to extend to first time buyers of residential property for development projects, the exemption from registration duty?

B/79 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues **(Mr Speville)**

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

Whether, in regard to the sale of economic bulbs to consumers in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to if a delegation of the Board recently proceeded to Rodrigues for the launching thereof and, if so, will he state (a) the composition thereof and (b) a breakdown of the expenses incurred in connection therewith?

B/80 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues **(Mr Speville)**

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

Whether, in regard to the allocation of houses to the vulnerable groups in Rodrigues, he will state if any housing project has recently been approved and, if so (a) indicate the eligibility criteria and (b) table a list of the beneficiaries thereof?

- B/81 The Honourable Fourth Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Von Mally**)
- To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications:-*
- Whether, in regard to the construction of a new runway at the Sir Gaëtan Duval Airport, Plaine Corail, he will state where matters stand?**
- B/82 The Honourable Fourth Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Von Mally**)
- To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications:-*
- Whether he is aware of the economic difficulties being faced by the tourism industry in Rodrigues and, if so, will he state the measures he proposes to take to reduce its downward trend and stimulate its growth?**
- B/83 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-*
- Whether, in regard to flood prone areas in Réduit, he will state if necessary clearances have been obtained from the Moka Flacq District Council for the construction of drains thereat?**
- B/84 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Renewable Energy and Public Utilities:-*
- Whether he will state if Government proposes to maintain summer time this year?**

B/85 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Naidu)**

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

Whether, in regard to the traffic congestion at the Vandermerch Street, between Beau Bassin and Rose Hill, especially in the morning, he will state the remedial measures Government proposes to take?

R. R. Dowlutta

Clerk of the National Assembly

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MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Not Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 31 March 2009**

A/1 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues and Outer Islands:-

Whether he will state if he is aware of the lack of street lighting points along the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Street, Port Louis and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if consideration will be given for the reviewing of the whole street lighting system thereat, in view of the fact that the lighting points are far apart and that the street is busy at night?

A/2 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues and Outer Islands:-

Whether he will state if he is aware that the pedestrian underpass leading to the Ibrahim Abdullah Market Fair, Cité Martial, from Fouquereaux Street, is not operational and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to the remedial measures that will be taken?

R. R. Dowlutta
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