

## MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 09 December 2008

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

B/1408 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 the cameramen employed by the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if a promotion exercise in the grade thereof has recently been carried out and, if so, indicate (a) if the new recruits satisfy the qualifications requirements as per the scheme of service and (b) if any cameraman holding the required qualifications has not been promoted and, if so, the reasons therefor?**

B/1409 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to if the Sports Section and the Current Affairs Section have been detached from the News Department and, if so, the reasons therefor?**

B/1410 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands  
**(Mr Guimbeau)**  
*To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-*

**Whether, in regard to the *Compagnie Thermique du Sud Itée* (CTDS) projects, he will state (a) if the inter ministerial committee set up to examine the different aspects and components thereof has submitted preliminary findings and, if so, give details thereof and (b) if a Commission of Inquiry will be set up to carry out an in-depth examination thereof?**

B/1411 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the proposed extension of the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Airports of Mauritius Ltd, information as to where matters stand?**

B/1412 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 Prevention of Terrorism Act, he will state if he proposes to bring any amendment thereto, in view of the recent terrorist attacks in India?**

B/1413 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 terrorism threats, he will state if Government proposes to take additional measures to avert any risk thereof?**

B/1414 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

**Whether he is aware of the conflict existing between the Governor of the Bank of Mauritius and the Board of Directors of the Bank and, if so, will he state the actions that he proposes to take to put an end to the conflict?**

B/1415 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 terrorism threats, he will state the additional measures Government proposes to take in relation thereto?**

B/1416 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 Ombudsperson for Children, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from her office, information as to the number of overseas missions she has undertaken, since 2003 to date, on a yearly basis, indicating the amount of money spent in terms of air tickets, *per diem* and other allowances, in each case and (b) state if an appraisal of her performance since her assumption of office has now been carried out and if so, the outcome thereof?**

B/1417 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)

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

**Whether, in regard to Mr J. S., Special Adviser in Information Technology matters, he will (a) state his qualifications (b) now table his terms and conditions of appointment and (c) obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if he has a clean criminal record?**

B/1418 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Director of the Shirdi Televistas of India, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to if the Corporation had invited him in the past, and, if so (a) the number of times (b) the purpose of each visit (c) the amount of money spent on (i) air fares, indicating who paid for same (ii) hotel accommodation, indicating the name of the hotel and (iii) inland transport?**

B/1419 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)

*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 Corporation has recently raised a loan of Rs 10m and, if so, indicate (a) the purpose therefor and (b) if the Board has approved the purchase of a new car for its Director General?**

B/1420 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)

*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 one Mrs S. M. is presently employed thereat and, if so, indicate (a) the post occupied and since when (b) her qualifications (c) the duties assigned to her (d) her terms and conditions of service and (e) if the post was advertised?**

B/1421 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 late Dr I. I. B. who was killed on 20 November 2008, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the police inquiry carried out thereinto, indicating if any Police Officer of the Central Investigation Department of Rose Hill has been transferred as from that date?**

B/1422 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 Police vehicles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the maintenance costs thereof for the month of October 2007 and the month of October 2008, indicating if any decrease in the maintenance costs has been noted, since the closure of the Police garage?**

B/1423 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River  
**(Mr Ganoo)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the Manager of Corporate Affairs of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) the date of his appointment, indicating if it is on a contractual basis (b) his monthly salary and other benefits and (c) if the post was advertised and if so, the number of applications received?**

B/1424 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River  
**(Mr Ganoo)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the Human Resources Consultant of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) the date of his appointment (b) his qualifications (c) the monthly fees payable to him and (d) if the post was advertised and, if not, the reasons therefor?**

B/1425 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 foreigners, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof who have entered Mauritius with fake foreign or Mauritian passports, since July 2005 to date, indicating if an inquiry has been carried out in each case and the outcome thereof?**

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

B/1426 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River  
**(Mrs Hanoomanjee)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the contracts awarded by the Beach Authority for cleaning purposes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to (a) the number thereof for the years 2006 and 2007 and (b) if a particular company has been awarded most of the contracts and, if so,**

indicate the amount paid to the company for financial years (i) 2005-2006 (ii) 2006-2007 and (iii) 2007-2008?

B/1427 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

**Whether, in regard to the individual buses serving the Baie du Cap-Quatres Bornes route, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to the number thereof, indicating if each of them has to respect a time schedule?**

B/1428 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

**Whether, in regard to the car put at the disposal of the General Manager of the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to the make and model thereof, indicating (a) when was the request made and (b) the cost thereof?**

B/1429 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

**Whether, in regard to the *Calodyne Sur Mer* Hotel, he will state if he has received representations from the taxi owners operating thereat to the effect that they are being prohibited from getting access to the Hotel for the purpose of dropping and picking up passengers and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to (a) the reasons therefor and (b) the remedial measures that will be taken?**

B/1430 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

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

**Whether, in regard to the small sugar cane planters who find themselves in the obligation to abandon their lease on State land due to the drop in the price of sugar, he will state if Government proposes to offer them compensation in monetary terms and a plot of land and, if not, why not?**

B/1431 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister for Consumer Protection and Citizens Charter:-*

**Whether, in regard to the posts of Head of the Consumer Protection Unit and Consumer Protection Officers, he will state if there is any vacancy and, if so, indicate (a) since when (b) the number thereof and (c) the measures taken to have them filled, indicating if the Unions have been informed accordingly?**

B/1432 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Chairperson of the Tobacco Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to if the incumbent has been the subject of any inquiry from the Independent Commission Against Corruption and, if so, indicate (a) the reasons therefor and (b) if he will be required to step down pending the conclusion of the inquiry?**

B/1433 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Young Farmers Clubs, he will state the number thereof, indicating (a) their names and locations and (b) the facilities extended to them?**

B/1434 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a new building to house the community centre in Mare d'Albert, she will state where matters stand?**

B/1435 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a new fuel dépôt at Mer Rouge, he will state where matters stand, indicating (a) the names of the promoter/s and (b) if he has discussed the details of the project, including the financial implications thereof, with the existing oil companies?**

B/1436 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mardemootoo**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Voluntary Retirement Scheme 1 at Souillac, near Texamon, he will state where matters stand?**

B/1437 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mardemootoo**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Voluntary Retirement Scheme 2 at Souillac, he will state where matters stand?**

B/1438 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mr Bodha**)

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

**Whether, in regard to posters, he will state the facilities that have been provided island wise for the affixing thereof, indicating if specific measures have been taken in Constituency No. 8, Moka and Quartier Militaire, in connection with the forthcoming by election?**

B/1439 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the protection of the borrowers, he will state if he proposes to amend the law with a view to prohibiting the Attorneys at Law appearing in the Sale by Levy cases from**

**claiming the ten per cent commission in cases where the amounts claimed do not exceed eight million rupees?**

B/1440 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Dowarkasing**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the project for the reallocation of land to the inhabitants of Mare Chicose, he will state where matters stand?**

B/1441 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 the community centres situated at Joachim, Camp Caval and Wooton, he will state where matters stand?**

B/1442 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mrs Martin**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the market fairs at Pamplemousses and Rivière du Rempart, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Pamplemousses and Rivière du Rempart, information as to the arrangements made for the allocation of stalls to the hawkers operating thereat?**

B/1443 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mrs Martin**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the new projects for hotel constructions, he will state the number thereof which have been approved as at todate, indicating where matters stand as to the implementation thereof, in each case?**

B/1444 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mrs Martin**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a new building to house the National Library, he will state where matters stand?**

B/1445 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands  
**(Mrs Martin)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the medical practitioners visiting Mauritius to operate the patients who are otherwise inoperable locally, he will state (a) the number thereof, since January 2008 to date, indicating (i) their different fields of expertise (ii) the number of Mauritian patients operated by each of them and (b) the proposed number thereof who will be visiting Mauritius in 2009, indicating their respective fields of expertise?**

B/1446 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River  
**(Mr Ganoo)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the agreement signed between the State Trading Corporation and the Mangalore Refineries, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the purchase price of each of the petroleum products per barrel?**

B/1447 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka  
**(Mr Dayal)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the construction of pavements along the Bois Cheri Road, from the residence of Mr F. W. towards Petit Verger, he will state where matters stand?**

B/1448 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka  
**(Mr Dayal)**

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

**Whether he will state if he will consider the advisability of setting up a “Parcours de Santé” at Le Pouce Road, Petit Verger, St Pierre?**

B/1449 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Allet**)

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

**Whether he will state if his Ministry has recently ordered a consignment of insulin syringes and, if so (a) the quantity thereof (b) the specifications required in the tender (c) the name of the successful bidder (d) the contract value (e) if the specifications have been respected and (f) if the supplier has allowed a discount on the contract value, indicating if Government has accepted same?**

B/1450 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 HIV and AIDS test, he will state the number of adults and minors, respectively, who have undergone same during the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, indicating the number of cases tested positive, in each case?**

B/1451 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Guimbeau**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the post of Director of Customs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to if it has been filled and, if so, indicate (a) the name of the incumbent and (b) the terms and conditions attached thereto?**

**R. R. Dowlutta**  
Clerk of the National Assembly

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A/25            The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka  
**(Mr Dayal)**

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

**Whether he will state if he will consider the construction of covered drain at Valetta near Quincaillerie Seetohul over 200 metres?**

**R. R. Dowlutta**  
Clerk of the National Assembly

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