

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 27 November 2007****Questions addressed to Dr the Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service &
Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands**

B/1174 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the upcoming festive seasons, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the additional measures that are being envisaged to reinforce security of the public and of the tourists, indicating if more Police patrols will be effected in the town/village centres on a 24 hour basis?

B/1175 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the entertainment programmes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to whether the broadcast of *Des Chiffres et des Lettres* and *Questions pour un Champion* have been discontinued and, if so (a) the respective dates thereof and (b) the reasons therefor?

B/1176 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Abercrombie Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police information as to (a) the number of Police Officers (i) on the establishment thereat and (ii) posted thereat, indicating their respective grades (b) the number of vehicles attached thereto (c) the regions and size of population it covers and (d) if he will consider setting up another Police Post within the region, particularly in Vallée des Prêtres, in view of the fast expansion of the regions?

B/1177 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the purchase of digital equipment by the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation for its digitalization project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) the amount paid (b) the name of the supplier (c) if tenders were launched and, if so, who evaluated the bids, indicating if any consultants were involved and the details thereof (d) if the equipment has been delivered and commissioned and (d) if the investment is in line with the relocation project of the Corporation?

B/1178 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Gunness)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the sugar sector reforms, he will state if any negotiation is ongoing between Government and the Mauritius Sugar Producers Association and, if so, will he state where matters stand?

B/1179 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Gunness)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the reported alleged cases of thefts at the Sebastopol and Lesur Villages over the last three months, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof and the outcome of the inquiry in each case?

B/1180 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands **(Mr Dowarkasing)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the economic zone of the Island of Tromelin, he will state if fishing vessels operating thereat are still being issued with fishing licences?

B/1181 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to diplomats and diplomatic premises, he will state if he has received representations from the foreign missions for the provision to them of special security measures?

B/1182 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether a certain sum of money was recently discovered in a locker which belonged to a high ranking Police Officer who was posted at the Curepipe Police Station?

B/1183 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to a recent alleged case of aggression on one Mr B. R. at Pereybère, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether the case has been reported to the police and if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/1184 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Allet)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he will state if he has received representations from the *Fédération Créoles Mauriciens* (F.C.M.) to replace the appellation of *Population Générale* by that of *Créoles et Autres Chrétiens* in the Constitution and wherever it appears in the law and public documents and, if so, the actions he proposes to take?

B/1185 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix **(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to reported alleged cases of sexual assaults, since June 2006 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, indicating if children are amongst the victims?

B/1186 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 & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the National Police Band, he will consider the advisability of including female Police Officers therein and, if not, why not?

B/1187 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 & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Police Post of the Government Centre, he will consider the advisability of posting female Police Officers thereat?

**Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than
Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs,
Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms
and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands**

B/1188 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether he will state if there is any project for the extension of the Cité La Cure Health Centre and, if so, when works are likely to start?

B/1189 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a sport complex at Le Cornu, he will state where matters stand?

B/1190 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a hospital at Montagne Longue, he will state where matters stand?

B/1191 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether he will state if he has received complaints from the inhabitants of Notre Dame regarding insecurity of the pedestrians in the vicinity of the mosque and the bakery of Notre Dame and, if so, the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/1192 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will state if he will consider placing the region of Sorèze under the jurisdiction of the Black River District Council, in view of its proximity thereto and, if so, when?

B/1193 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Guimbeau**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of an omni sport complex in Solitude, he will state if land was compulsorily acquired therefor and, if so, state (a) the name of the former owner, indicating (i) the extent thereof and (ii) if it was agricultural or otherwise (b) if the land was valued by a Government Valuer and, if so, indicate (i) the assessed value and (ii) the actual value proposed by Government and (c) if the complex has been constructed and, if not, the reasons therefor?

B/1194 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice & Human Rights:-

Whether, in regard to the proposition for the introduction of a Freedom of Information Bill to provide citizens with a right of access to personal information held by State agencies and to information relating to Government business, he will state where matters stand?

B/1195 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the compulsory acquisition of the four plots of land in Triolet for the construction of a State Secondary School, he will consider laying on the Table copy of (a) the minutes of proceedings of the meetings held in relation thereto (b) the award of the Board of Assessment and (c) the report of the Government Valuer?

B/1196 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the new low cost housing projects initiated by Government since July 2005 to date, he will state (a) the number thereof, constituency-wise (b) the sites identified (c) the amount earmarked and spent in each case?

B/1197 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunications:-

Whether he will state if his Ministry is alleged to have caused to be imported a bug detector without obtaining the relevant clearances?

B/1198 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to flour, he will state if he has received representations for an increase in the price thereof?

B/1199 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunications:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Information Communications Technology Authority (ICTA), information as to whether, on Thursday 08 November 2007, access to the American site web Facebook was blocked and, if so, if directions were issued to that effect to the Authority, indicating by whom?

B/1200 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state if Government is proposing to amend the law to make provision for the sale of the ex-CHA land found at Pointe aux Piments, Grand Gaube, Trou d'Eau Douce, La Chaux, Flic-en-Flac and Pointe aux Sables, respectively?

B/1201 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Marine Park at Balaclava, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to whether the Sagar Hotel has been delivered with all the necessary permits and clearances to carry out works thereat?

B/1202 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal **(Mrs Labelle)**

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

Whether, in regard to drug addicts under the age of 18, he will state the treatment available to them?

B/1203 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mrs Grenade)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the plots of land compulsorily acquired for the construction of the State Secondary School at Triolet, he will state if all the plots were found within the (a) boundaries of the irrigation area and classified as primary agricultural land and (b) boundary of permitted development under the Northern Outline Scheme?

B/1204 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Gunness)**

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

Whether, in regard to the restaurants owned by the State Investment Corporation at Le Domaine Les Pailles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if they have been sold or are on sale and, if so (a) the procedures followed or being followed (b) the name of the successful buyer, if any, and (c) the price paid or being offered?

B/1205 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he will state if he has taken cognizance of the report submitted by the Mauritius Institute of Health, entitled “Youth health risk behaviour in Mauritius” and, if so, the measures he has taken so far in connection therewith?

B/1206 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the number of households who have had their electricity supply disconnected, since January 2006 to date, on a monthly basis?

B/1207 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the unpaid dues to the Waste Water Management Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to a breakdown of the bad debts recorded from its non-domestic clients?

B/1208 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice & Human Rights:-

Whether, in regard to the rights of suspects, he will state the additional measures that have been or will be taken for the safeguard thereof?

B/1209 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

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

Whether, in regard to the occupiers of the Government quarters at Railway Camp, Le Quartier, Mahebourg, he will state if his Ministry had required them to vacate the premises and, if so, if this decision has been reviewed since?

B/1210 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state if he has received any request from the *Société Jeunesse et Fraternité Musulmane de Mahebourg* for the allocation of a plot of land in Beau Vallon, in the Constituency of Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien to be used for religious purposes?

B/1211 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

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

Whether, in regard to a bug detector recently ordered by the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Comptroller of Customs, information as to whether the Customs Department has not approved the clearance thereof and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/1212 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Dayal)**

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of putting up traffic lights at the junction of the road at Helvetia leading to Côte d'Or?

B/1213 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River **(Mr Ganoo)**

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

Whether, in regard to flour, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to whether (a) tenders were recently launched by the Corporation for the supply thereof on the local market and, if so (i) the number of tenders received and (ii) the price quoted by each tenderer and (b) if he has received representations for an increase in the price thereof and, if so, by how much?

B/1214 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East **(Dr Husnoo)**

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

Whether, in regard to the school attendance of students of Form V, Lower VI and Upper VI for the first, second and third terms respectively, regionwise, he will obtain information as to the average thereof?

B/1215 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Bundhoo)**

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

Whether, in regard to the upgrading and extension works of the Social Welfare Centre at Caroline/Bel Air, she will state if she has received representations from the President and members of the Caroline/Bel Air Organising Committee and, if so, where matters stand?

B/1216 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Bundhoo)**

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

Whether, in regard to the upgrading and extension works of the Community Health Centre located within the compound of the Social Welfare Centre at Caroline/Bel Air, he will state if he has received representations from the President and members of the Caroline/Bel Air Organising Committee and, if so, where matters stand?

B/1217 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

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

Whether, in regard to foreigners, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to the number of Occupation Permits issued since August 2007 to date?

B/1218 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Co-operation:-

Whether, in regard to the Ambassadors/High Commissioners posted in Mauritius Embassies or High Commissions, since July 2005 to date, he will state their names, indicating (a) the Embassy or High Commission to which they are posted (b) the terms and conditions of appointment, allowances and other fringe benefits drawn and the currency in which they are being paid?

B/1219 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Question Papers for the Certificate of Primary Education Examinations 2007, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, information as to whether errors have been noted therein and, if so (a) the number thereof and (b) the remedial measures that have been taken to ensure that the students be not penalized as a result thereof?

B/1220 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether, in regard to each of the Mahatma Gandhi Secondary Schools, he will state (a) the number of students as at October 2007 (b) the area of the school yard (c) if they are equipped with playfields and, if not, when will they be provided with same and (d) if additional classroom blocks and or specialist rooms will be constructed and, if so, indicate (i) when and (ii) the expected dates of completion thereof?

B/1221 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Dayal)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he is aware of the acute problem of parking space on market days at St Pierre and, if so, will he state if he will liaise with the relevant authorities to have the site opposite the market or to identify an alternative site in the area to be used as parking space, indicating when and, if not, why not?

B/1222 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix **(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)**

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

Whether, in regard to the widows of the ex-servicemen, she will state if they have been paid a pension as announced in the 2007-2008 budget speech and, if so, the number thereof?

B/1223 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix **(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women's Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer Protection:-

Whether she will state if her Ministry is in presence of data of women having passed away following acts of domestic violence and, if so, indicate the number of cases wherein these women were under the protection of a Protection Order?

B/1224 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the employees of the former Berjaya Hotel, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number thereof still in employment thereat and (b) state if he has received complaints from these employees in relation to the prevailing conditions at their place of work and, if so, the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/1225 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of the new link road from Pierrefonds, Beaux Songes to Phoenix, he will state when works are likely to start?

B/1226 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of the new bridge over the Radier Macondé, he will state where matters stand?

B/1227 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Bundhoo)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the recent fire outbreak which occurred at the Thow Hing Hall in Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fire Services Department, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/1228 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Bundhoo)**

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice & Human Rights:-

Whether, in regard to the halls used for the holding of wedding ceremonies and entertainment events, he will state if he will consider the advisability of introducing legislation to provide for compulsory yearly safety audits to be carried out thereat in respect of ventilation, lighting, sanitary amenities and emergency exits?

B/1229 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or **(Mr Guttee)**

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

Whether, in regard to the setting up of a *Parcours de Santé* in the Daruty forest, Petit Raffray, he will state where matters stand?

B/1230 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or **(Mr Guttee)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the upgrading of the Grand' Baie football ground, he will state where matters stand?

B/1231 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil **(Dr Mungur)**

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

Whether he is aware of the bad state of the road at Camp Carreau, Flacq, due to previous excavation works carried out thereat and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/1232 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil **(Dr Mungur)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a swimming pool at Flacq, he will state (a) if land has already been acquired (b) the amount of money earmarked and (c) when works are likely to start?

B/1233 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal **(Mrs Labelle)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the athletes who receive a monthly allowance, he will state (a) their names, indicating the quantum of the allowance and (b) if his Ministry has decided to reduce the quantum of the allowances and, if so (i) the reasons therefor (ii) since when and (iii) the new quantum of the allowances paid, in each case?

B/1234 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Dayal)**

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

Whether, in regard to drain works to be carried out behind the Shivala at Valetta and at the St Pierre Shivala at l'Agrément, he will state when works are likely to start?

R. R. Dowlutta

Clerk of the National Assembly

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