

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 10 April 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/68 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if, on or about Sunday 25 February 2007, any incident was reported to have occurred at Cipaye Brulé, Vallée des Prêtres, following which six inhabitants were arrested and subsequently released on bail and, if so, if an inquiry was carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/69 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 Emergency Response Service, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (i) the number of available ERS vehicles (ii) the areas covered and (b) state if he will impress upon the latter the need to increase the number of ERS vehicles so as to provide for more patrols in view of the number of hold ups and thefts?

B/70 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 offices of the Anti-Drug Smuggling Unit in Port Louis and Plaine Verte, he will state if he is aware that there is a lack of vehicles attached thereat, and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the remedial measures that will be taken and (b) the number of vehicles attached to each of these offices?

B/71 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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 Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to its actual financial situation and will he make a statement thereon?

B/72 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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 Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to its policy in regard to publicity?

B/73 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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, on 26 November 2006, a road accident occurred at Bois des Amourettes, and which resulted in the death of minor Yash Ackloo and, if so (a) the circumstances thereof and (b) if an inquiry has been carried thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/74 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Bank of Mauritius (Ltd), information as to whether the Chairmanship of Mr K. Reddy has been terminated and if so, the amount of compensation paid, if any?

B/75 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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 is aware that, on Tuesday 27 March 2007, the Police is alleged to have used brutality against the members of the association called 'Taxis Malh res' and who were on a hunger strike in front of the Government House and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the reasons therefor?

B/76 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 & 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 Media Trust, information as to whether there has been any change in policy in relation to the Trust?

B/77 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Perrier**)

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 death of one Mr S. Seetul in Pierrefonds, on or about 15 January 2006, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/78 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Hawoldar**)

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 he has received a letter dated 24 July 2006 from the Hermitage Community Development Association, Phoenix, requesting that the village of Hermitage be placed under the jurisdiction of the Phoenix Police Station and, if so, will he state where matters stand?

B/79 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(Dr Mungur)

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 construction of a new Police Station at Central Flacq, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand?

B/80 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

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 *pas géométriques* and State lands along the coast, he will consider the advisability of setting up a technical committee with a view to ensuring that lessees thereof are not unduly penalized?

B/81 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

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 Government has commissioned CB Richard Ellis to conduct a review on Government owned land in Mauritius, and if so, state (a) the procedures followed for his appointment (b) the fees paid and (c) if he has submitted a report, indicating if a copy thereof will be tabled?

B/82 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether officers of the Traffic Branch are provided with all the equipment and tools they need to perform their duties?

B/83 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Mr Mohamed)**

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 hotel and IRS projects at Bel Air St Félix, he will state where matters stand?

B/84 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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, on or about 25 March 2007, an incident occurred in the course of which one Mr Ricardo Jean Joel was injured and subsequently transported from Camp La Boue, Terre Rouge, to the Dr Jeetoo Hospital in a public bus and, if so, if an inquiry has been carried out as to the reasons why he has been transported in a public bus?

B/85 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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 an incident occurred during the night of 01 April 2007 at Route Nicolay, Ste Croix, Port Louis and, if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/86 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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 State Bank of Mauritius (Ltd), information as to whether there has been any change recently at the level of the Chairperson of its Board and, if so (a) the reasons therefor and (b) if the new incumbent has already assumed office?

**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/87 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, in regard to the Board of the Mauritius Sugar Authority, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the name of its Chairperson and members and (b) state if he proposes to appoint a representative of the sugar industry workers and a representative of small planters thereon?

B/88 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether he will state if small planters who are regrouping themselves are required to pay any contribution for the derocking and preparation of their land and, if so, will he indicate the amount of such contributions and the method of collection thereof?

B/89 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, in regard to the cess funded institutions and their restructuring, he will state if a study has been carried out thereon, and if so, whether it has been completed, indicating if a copy of the report will be laid on the Table of the National Assembly?

B/90 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, in regard to the proposed allocation of 300 arpents of land, located in the south of the island, on lease to planters and prospective planters, he will give a list of the prospective beneficiaries thereof?

B/91 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the celebrations organized in the context of the 39th Anniversary of the Independence and of the 15th Anniversary of the Republic of Mauritius, he will give a breakdown of expenses incurred by Government in connection therewith?

B/92 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Trust Fund for Specialised Medical Care , he will state if he is aware of the industrial relations problems existing thereat and of the decision of its Chairperson to prevent surgeons and medical practitioners employed thereat from practising in the private and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Trust Fund, information as to where matters stand?

B/93 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Cité Vallijee Government School, he will state if he is aware of the problems which arose thereat, on Friday 23 March 2007, and, if so, will he state the reasons therefor?

B/94 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Cuttaree)

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

Whether, in regard to l'Institut Supérieur de Technologie of Camp Le Vieux, he will state if it will be authorized to hold courses leading to a "licence" to be awarded by the University of Limoges, France?

B/95 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Cuttaree)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, in regard to the Financial Agreements between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius on the accompanying measures for the reform of the sugar industry and in the wake of the reduction in the price of Mauritius Sugar Exports to the European Union, he will state the reasons for the delay in the signature thereof?

B/96 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the Bambous (Geoffroy) Primary School, he will state when will the construction of its second phase start?

B/97 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of the new hotels at Bel Ombre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if an amount of Rs 25m in respect of each hotel has been remitted to the Tourism Fund for social projects and, if so, when?

B/98 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 the Mahatma Gandhi Secondary School of Solferino, he will state if it is proposed to construct a public road/access within its compound and, if so (a) when and by whom its location was decided (b) if an evaluation of its potential dangers to students was carried out and, if so (i) by whom (ii) if any report has been submitted, indicating if a copy thereof will be tabled (c) the estimated cost in terms of additional walls, flyover or underpass and maintenance thereof and (d) if he will consider diverting that road/access?

B/99 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rectors and Deputy Rectors, he will state the policy in regard to their transfers, indicating if he is aware that certain transfers are often cancelled at the last moment and, if so, will he give the reasons therefor?

B/100 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether, in regard to the scripts for the subjects of the Cambridge School Certificate Examinations which are marked locally he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, information as to (a) the list of subjects involved and (b) the cost involved, indicating its method of computation?

B/101 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether he is aware of the unemployment situation in the Constituency of Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien and, if so, will he state the (a) number of male and female (i) unemployed who are registered with his Ministry (ii) who have been employed since July 2005 to date and (c) the institutions/organizations where they have been employed?

B/102 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 it is proposed to resurface the l'Assurance Road from the newly constructed bridge up to Shivala Road, Dagotièrè and, if so, when and, if not why not?

B/103 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether he is aware that there is a problem of landslide at Mount Ory, near Pont Souillac, and, if so, will he state if it is proposed to construct a retaining wall thereat?

B/104 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 state if it is proposed to construct a footpath along the main road at Valetta, from the vicinity of Viswanath Mandir to the Achanah Snack, and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/105 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Dowarkasing**)

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

Whether he will state if the decision to reduce the budget of the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority will have a negative impact on the tourism sector and, if so, the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/106 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Dowarkasing**)

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

Whether he will state the amount of money collected in terms of tax on plastic bags as at todate, indicating the use to which the money has been put?

B/107 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Dowarkasing**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he is aware that the inhabitants of the village of Dubreuil are facing acute problems of water supply and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/108 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Club Méditerranée Project at Albion, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if the promoters have made any contribution to the Tourism Fund for social projects and, if so, indicating (a) the amount thereof and (b) the use to which the money has been put?

B/109 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the football match between the team of Mauritius and that of the Ivory Coast, held on 21 March 2007 at the Anjalay Stadium, he will (a) state the number of complimentary tickets obtained by his Ministry and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Football Association, information as to (i) if any complaints have been made by the players for lack of facilities and, if so, the nature thereof and (ii) the facilities put at the disposal of members of the press to cover the event?

B/110 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent vaccination of primary school children, he will state if complaints have been received in connection therewith and, if so, the nature thereof and the remedial measures taken, if any?

B/111 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mardemootoo**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to whether Shell Mauritius Ltd has been delivered with all the relevant clearances to operate a petrol station at La Vigie?

B/112 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, in regard to the resumption of possession of land from planters at Riche Terre and Terre Rouge, he will state (a) the reasons therefor (b) the acreage of land involved and (c) the alternative proposals that have been made to the planters?

B/113 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the University of Mauritius, information as to whether it is currently facing financial difficulties and, if so, the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/114 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the last exercise for the revision of the price of petroleum products, he will give a breakdown of the different cost elements taken into consideration for the fixing of the final retail price?

B/115 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Perrier**)

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

Whether, following the decision of Government to reduce the budget of the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority to subsidize the SC and HSC examinations fees, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the impact such a reduction will have on the tourism promotion activities?

B/116 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Perrier**)

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

Whether, following the recent closure of Desbro Ltd., he will state the number of job losses, indicating the amount of compensation, if any, paid to each of the employees who have been laid off?

B/117 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether, following the recent closure of Desbro Ltd., he will state the measures taken by his Ministry to prevent the occurrence, on the local market, of (a) any shortage of iron bars and (b) a monopoly situation?

B/118 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the request for the extradition of Mr Teeren Appasamy, he will state where matters stand?

B/119 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the registration of secondary schools for the year 2007, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Private Secondary Schools Authority, information as to whether inspections have been carried out and, if so (a) during which period (b) by whom and (c) the number of secondary schools inspected?

B/120 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the Food Aid, she will state (a) the number of beneficiaries as at June 2005 and February 2007 respectively and (b) the amount disbursed for the period July to December 2006?

B/121 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the setting up of a factory to produce ethanol at Roche Bois, he will state if a decision has been reached and, if so, whether he has received grievances from the inhabitants of the region, indicating the remedial measures that will be taken, if any?

B/122 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

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

Whether he is aware that drug addicts and persons suffering from AIDS are stigmatized and, if so, will he state the stand of Government on this issue?

B/123 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether, in regard to iron bars, he will state if it is proposed to remove (a) customs duty on all iron bars imported from non-SADC countries and (b) that item from the list of controlled commodities and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/124 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rucktooa**)

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

Whether he will state if Government will consider amending the law to make it compulsory for Insurance Companies to inform policy holders, on a yearly basis, of the total (a) amount of premiums paid and (b) surrender value as at date?

B/125 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Guttee**)

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

Whether he is aware that part of the school building of the Moosun Primary School of Bois Rouge, Goodlands, is in a bad state and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/126 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (**Dr Mungur**)

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

Whether he is aware that the marshy land situated at Flacq, behind the Winners shop, is a potential breeding ground for mosquitoes and, if so, will he state the steps that will be taken to have it cleaned, indicating when?

B/127 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 Taxi Stand at Central Flacq and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/128 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether he is aware that petrol stations located along highways next to roundabouts represent potential dangers and, if so, will he state if measures will be taken to refuse the granting of permits for the operation of petrol stations in these areas?

B/129 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether he will state if it is proposed to grant some form of compensation to small planters for the losses incurred as a result of bad weather conditions associated with cyclone Gamede?

B/130 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Mr Mohamed)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Waste to Energy Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to whether, promoters other than Gamma Energy had shown an interest in the project?

B/131 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Mr Mohamed)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the EDC Houses containing asbestos, he will state if it is proposed to offer some form of compensation to the persons residing therein and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/132 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mohamed**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the construction of a new market at Rivière des Anguilles, he will state where matters stand?

B/133 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to casinos, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation, information as to whether the Corporation has entered or proposes to enter into a partnership with any foreign company and, if so, where matters stand?

B/134 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Agricultural Marketing Board, information as to its deficit as at July 2005, indicating if that deficit has subsequently increased and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/135 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, following the decrease by 17.5 per cent of the area under tobacco cultivation and the drop in the production of tobacco leaves by 17 per cent, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tobacco Board, information as to if any project has been or will be initiated, for the benefit of the tobacco planters, in terms of (a) alternative activities and (b) a compensatory scheme?

B/136 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 examinations fees for the School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate for each of the years 2003 to 2007, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, the number of students who entered for those examinations and (b) indicate the amount of subsidies disbursed by his Ministry?

B/137 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 payment of examination fees for the School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate for the year 2007, she will state the amount of money disbursed as subsidies by her Ministry?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

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