

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 27 June 2006****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/823 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 Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas held in India in January 2006, he will state if an official Mauritian delegation attended thereto and, if so, will he give the list of members of the Government who formed part thereof?

B/824 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 Prisons, information as to (a) if consideration will be given to the advisability of keeping in open prisons women prisoners who are of good behaviour and having their children in their custody in prisons and (b) the measures that have been or will be taken for the rehabilitation of these prisoners after their release and for the protection of these children?

B/825 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes **(Ms Deerpalsing)**

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, when applying for the issue of a passport, a divorced woman is required to submit the birth certificate of her ex-spouse and, if so, will he state if this practice will be done away with, as a matter of priority?

B/826 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes **(Ms Deerpalsing)**

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 Government will consider the advisability of banning the advertising of alcohol products on billboards in the vicinity of schools?

B/827 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 state if prisoners are allowed to give interviews on radio, whilst being in prison?

B/828 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 state the mechanism that will be put in place at the Immigration Department for the screening, within two working days, of the foreigners who apply for permits, as announced in the Budget Speech 2006-2007?

B/829 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether any case has been reported to the Police to the effect that, on or about Monday 12 June 2006, at the Mimoka Pre-primary School at Terre Rouge, one master V. A.*, aged three, was ill-treated and injured and, if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/830 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 Committee for the Democratisation of the Economy, he will state (a) the facilities, if any, put at the disposal of the Chairman thereof, indicating the allowances and other benefits to which he is entitled and (b) if any report has so far been produced?

B/831 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mardemootoo**)

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 information as to whether there are any vacancies for the post of Judge at the Supreme Court and, if so, when these posts are likely to be filled?

**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/832 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether he will state if medical consultants from different units of all regional hospitals were, on Saturday 06 May 2006, transferred to other regional hospitals with effect from 08 May 2006 and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/833 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state when he effected site visits at Karo Kaliptis, Batterie Cassée, giving the date and time thereof and the names of the officers of his Ministry and of the Police Force who accompanied him thereat?

B/834 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether he will state if percutaneous angioplasty are still being carried out at the Cardiac Unit of the Queen Victoria Hospital at Candos and, if not, why not?

B/835 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether, in regard to the establishment of the SADC Free Trade Area, he will state if any study has been carried out on the implication for Mauritius of the tariff reduction and its impact on the local domestic industries and, if so, will he state where matters stand?

B/836 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 Mon Trésor Mon Désert Sugar Estate, he will state if his Ministry has been receiving, there from, an annual grant of Rs 10m over the past four years for the purpose of granting scholarships to the children of persons working thereat and, if so, will he state if these sums have either been used or refunded to the Estate, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/837 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 a plot of land for the construction of a crematorium at Mount Ory, Moka has been identified?

B/838 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 the project for the construction of retaining walls on both sides of the road at Mount Ory, Moka, leading to the trunk road, he will state where matters stand?

B/839 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mardemootoo**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Air Mauritius Ltd., information as to if (a) a team of consultants has recently been appointed to carry out the transformation programme of the Company and, if so, whether a Steering Committee has been appointed to implement the recommendations of the consultants and (b) a Director of the Veling Company forms part of the Steering Committee and, if so, will he give its composition, indicating if the members thereof are entitled to remuneration?

B/840 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether he is aware of the pollution problems at Le Hochet, Terre Rouge, especially at the Richefield Textiles Ltd., and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/841 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he will state if there is any project for the construction of a sports complex and a football and volleyball playgrounds at Le Cornu, Cité La Cure and, if so, will he state where matters stand?

B/842 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he is aware that the football ground at Vallée des Prêtres does not have basic amenities such as toilet, cloakroom and shelter for the public and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/843 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Deerpalsing**)

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

Whether, in regard to the students of the State Secondary School Quatre Bornes who have been temporarily placed in various other secondary institutions, he will consider

the advisability of integrating these students in the schools they are presently attending?

B/844 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether he will state if it is proposed to close the Nouvelle France State Secondary School?

B/845 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed closure of the St Félix Sugar Estate, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the compensation to be offered to the employees?

B/846 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to pharmaceutical products, he will state when he proposes to review the mark-up?

B/847 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the new taxation policy, he will state if the passage benefits and the lump sum on retirement accruing to the workers will be taxable and, if so, by how much?

B/848 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(**Mr Dowarkasing**)

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

Whether, in regard to the new taxation policy, he will state if the amount obtained by an individual on the maturity of an insurance policy will be taxable and, if so, by how much?

B/849 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will state if he has received any complaints from the inhabitants of Congomah and Vallée des Prêtres regarding the supply of water and, if so, will he state the nature thereof and the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/850 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(**Mrs Labelle**)

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 the price at which the Board purchases one litre of fresh cow milk from the breeders?

B/851 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(**Mrs Labelle**)

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

Whether he will state if any survey has been carried out at the level of pre-primary schools to determine the number of children who come to school without lunch and, if so,

when, indicating the measures, if any, taken to ensure that these children do not stay hungry at school?

B/852 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will state the number of persons who were trained during the years 2002-2005 under the schemes for the training of graduates and School Certificate and Higher School Certificate holders, indicating whether they received a stipend and, if so, the amount thereof?

B/853 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will state if his Ministry has received complaints from the Rectors of State or Private Secondary Schools to the effect that there is an increase in the number of late arrivals of students due to transport problems and, if so, will he state the remedial measures, if any, that have been initiated?

B/854 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Guinness)

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

Whether, in regard to the new taxation policy announced in the Budget Speech 2006-2007, he will state if the lump sum on retirement, passage and other fringe benefits accruing to workers will henceforth be taxable?

B/855 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 proposed National Residential Property Tax, he will state if he will consider the advisability of reviewing the criteria laid down for its imposition?

B/856 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 proposed raising of the retirement age, he will state if the following category of workers will be exempted (a) the sugar industry labourers and (b) textile factory workers?

B/857 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix **(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)**

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

Whether he will state if the lump sum accruing at retirement will be included in the chargeable income for the calculation of tax as from 01 July 2006?

B/858 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Mr Mardemootoo)**

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

Whether he will state if, on or about 26 March 2006, one Ms Gemma Sandeean was admitted at the Brown Sequard Hospital and, if so, will he give the reasons therefor?

B/859 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the new Income Tax System announced in the Budget Speech 2006-2007, he will state if all income earners not having dependents and having monthly earnings of Rs 16,700 will be liable to the payment of income tax?

B/860 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the sewerage project at Cité Casernes, Curepipe, he will state where matters stand?

B/861 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 will state if he has received any request from the inhabitants of La Brasserie Road for three speed humps to be placed thereat and, if so, will he state where matters stand?

B/862 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the embellishment works being carried out at the Cité Chebel Volleyball ground and its surroundings, he will state when (a) the contract was awarded and (b) works are scheduled to be completed?

B/863 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of a football ground at Maingard, Beau Bassin, he will state where matters stand?

B/864 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

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

Whether, in regard to the upgrading of a football ground at Albion, he will state where matters stand?

B/865 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

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

Whether, in regard to Mr T. Appasamy, he will state (a) the date on which the warrant of arrest was served on him (b) the date and time he lodged a case to contest the legality of the warrant and before which Court and (c) where matters stand?

B/866 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Naidu)**

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

Whether, in regard to cement, he will state if it is proposed to put in place an automatic pricing mechanism and, if not, why not?

B/867 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether he is aware of the heavy traffic and the increasing number of road accidents occurring at the junction of Sir Abdool Razack Mohamed and Military Roads and, if so, will he consider the advisability of having traffic lights installed thereat?

B/868 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 will state the reasons as to why his Ministry has prohibited the administration of injections to people in private pharmacies?

B/869 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (**Dr Mungur**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Direct Observed Treatment Short-course programme (DOTS), he will state (a) the present number of patients suffering from tuberculosis district-wise (b) the number of visits effected by the paramedical staff at the residence of each patient over the last six months, indicating the names of the paramedical staff who effected these visits and (c) the number of vehicles used for each visit, indicating their respective registration numbers?

B/870 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(**Mr Soodhun**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will state if he has received any petition from the inhabitants of the Vavid House situated at Vacoas and of its surroundings objecting to the opening of a Tote Commissioning Office in the Vavid House?

B/871 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Bundhoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the deplorable state of the Bel Air football ground, he will state the remedial measures that will be taken for its upgrading?

B/872 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Bundhoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the East Africa Submarine Cable System (EASSy) Project under the NEPAD, he will state the reasons as to why Mauritius is still not a party to it and the financial implications to the Mauritian State by not adhering thereto?

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