MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

<u>Requiring an Oral Answer</u> Sitting of Tuesday 13 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/701 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 the SMF or Police firing range is situated close to the residential areas in the vicinity of Avenue des Hirondelles, Sodnac, Quatre Bornes and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as whether it is proposed to relocate same within an un-inhabited area?

B/702 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 it is proposed to set up a special unit of the Police Force to track imprudent and careless drivers and, if so, when?

B/703 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 Commissioner of Police, information as to whether during the night of 19 May 2006, an incident occurred at the Little Buddha Pub at Grand' Baie and, if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto, indicating the outcome thereof?

B/704 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 is aware that the film "The Da Vinci Code" has been the source of controversy and banned in certain countries and, if so, will he state if he proposes to consult his Worship the Bishop of Port Louis before the release of the film?

B/705 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 Commissioner of Police, information as to whether Mrs Indira Savitree Thacoor-Sidaya, the Permanent Representative of the Mauritius at the UNESCO or her husband, has recently been found in possession of a stolen bulldozer at their place of residence in Mauritius?

B/706 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, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether it is proposed to extend the payment of a risk allowance to the other units of the Police Force and, if so, will he state where matters stand?

B/707 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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 the posts occupied by Mr Prem Nababsing during the period 2000-2005, indicating in each case (a) the allowances and other benefits drawn (b) the number of cars, including the make and model, put at his disposal and (c) the number of overseas missions undertaken by him and the amount in terms of airfares and *per diem* paid to him?

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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/708 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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

Whether, in regard to the banking industry, he will state (a) the difference between the prime lending rates and the rates of interest on deposits (interest rates spread) for the last five years (b) the difference between the buying and the selling rates for foreign exchange (forex spread) over the last five years, especially with respect to hard currencies like the Euro, the Dollar and Pound Sterling and (c) how the above figures compared to those prevalent in other middle income countries like Mauritius?

B/709 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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

Whether, in regard to the banking industry, he will state the Return on Equity (ROE) earned for the overall sector over the last five years?

B/710 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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

Whether he will state if corporate governance practices are implemented and adhered to in the Financial Services Sector as far as the number of Boards Membership and/or

Directorships any single individual can hold simultaneously?

B/711 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether he will state if any study has been carried out to establish the percentage of the Mauritian population who are undernourished and, if so, if any action has been taken (a) to identify the regions where these people are located and (b) to address the issue?

B/712 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether he will state if his Ministry has any plan to encourage and promote the teaching of Mathematics, Science and Technology in schools and, if so, where matters stand?

B/713 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 he will state if negotiations and/or discussions have started at the level of the different Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in the Africa Region with a view to their rationalization and, if so, where matters stand?

B/714 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether he will state if the Protocol issued by his Ministry for the treatment of the Chikungunya disease included any measures or drugs to counteract the side effects caused by the anti-inflammatory drugs prescribed to patients?

B/715 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the 1200 Small and Medium Enterprises which have benefited from the sum of Rs 200m earmarked for financing at concessionary rates, he will give a list thereof, indicating the funding institutions, the turnover of each of these SMEs and the amount disbursed in each case?

B/716 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether he will give details of the cost-sharing mechanism between the Small and Medium Enterprises and the Small Enterprises and Handicraft Development Authority as regards the services provided under the SME Consultancy Services Scheme, as announced in August 2005 in the document "Setting the Stage for a Robust Growth"?

B/717 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Terre Rouge SME Village Project, he will state where matters stand?

B/718 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the SMIDO/SEHDA, a list of consultants whose services have been retained during the period 2000-2005, indicating the amount of fees paid to each of them?

B/719 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether he will state if it is proposed to amend the law with a view to ban smoking in all public places?

B/720 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether he will state if Government proposes to introduce legislation with a view to ban deer hunting with hounds?

B/721 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether she will state if Government proposes to amend the law relating to the grounds for divorce?

B/722 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the foster care project, she will state (a) the number of children who have been entrusted to foster parents since July 2005 todate and (b) the mechanism put in place to monitor the project?

B/723 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether she will state the measures taken by Government to come up with a National Gender policy?

B/724 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to cervical cancer, he will state if he is aware of any recent development in the treatment and prevention thereof and, if so, will he consider its implementation in the treatment of patients suffering therefrom?

B/725 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the regional grouping of countries, he will state if Mauritius has been classified in the Eastern block by the African Union and, if so, the stand taken by Mauritius in respect of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the Indian Ocean Rim (IOR)?

B/726 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he is aware that there are water supply problems in hospitals since a long time and, if so, will he state the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/727 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the post of Director at the Farmers Service Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to (a) if the Director is on pre-retirement leave and, if so, when the post will be vacant (b) if the post will be advertised either internally or externally (c) the required qualifications and (d) if Mr Sujeewon, a retired civil engineer from the DWC, has been appointed as Acting Director?

B/728 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 construction of the Community Centre in Eau Coulée, he will state (a) if there is any delay in the implementation of the project and, if so, the reasons thereof (b) the expected date of completion (c) if provisions have been made for the funding of the Phase II of the project and, if not, why not and (d) if it is proposed to organise an official opening of the Centre?

B/729 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Students Free Transport Scheme, he will state if he has received representations from the University of Mauritius Students Union for the extension of the bus passes of University students which expired on 31 May 2006 as they would be attending the University for examinations purposes up to 31 July 2006 and, if so, the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/730 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Councils, information as to whether a community service fee or tax is being imposed and, if so, the reasons therefor and the amount thereof?

B/731 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether, in regard to foreign Medical Practitioners posted at the Flacq Hospital, he will state (a) the number todate (b) the number who resigned from April todate and (c) if he has received any complaint from them and, if so, the nature of the complaints?

B/732 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, the following information in regard to the First City Bank (a) whether in the portfolio of the said Bank there are foreign placements which are at risk and, if so, the quantum thereof and (b) the actual level of non-performing loans as against general and specific provisions booked according to the guidelines issued by the Bank of Mauritius?

B/733 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the residents of EDC houses, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if they are included amongst those 19,000 owners who are targeted to be offered the possibility to purchase the State lands on which stand these houses?

B/734 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the residents of EDC houses, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if measures have been taken to inform them of the possible health hazards due to exposure to asbestos cement present in these houses and (b) state if Government proposes to pull down these houses and build new ones free of charge?

B/735 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 persons who are HIV/AIDS positive or suffering therefrom, he will state the number thereof who benefit from (a) social aid and (b) basic invalid pension?

B/736 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 football ground at the Hollyrood State Secondary School, he will state if (a) it is of standard size and (b) he will consider putting it at the disposal of the inhabitants of the region?

B/737 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the repairs works which are presently being carried out as from corner Meldrum and Georges Guibert Streets at Floréal, he will consider extending same up to corner Sir Virgil Naz and Georges Guibert Streets, in view of the problems faced by the inhabitants of the region, particularly at the level of Naz Store?

B/738 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the Wastewater Project at Morcellement Lonrho, Highlands, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Wastewater Management Authority, information as to (i) the details thereof (ii) where matters stand and (b) if he is aware of the environmental impact of the project on the inhabitants?

B/739 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Jugnauth**)

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

Whether he is aware that there are driving instructors operating illegally and, if so, will he state (a) if any survey has been carried out to ascertain the number thereof and (b) the remedial actions he proposes to take?

B/740 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Jugnauth**)

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

Whether he will state if Government proposes to offer duty free facilities to registered driving instructors for the purchase of their cars and, if so, when?

B/741 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Jugnauth**)

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

Whether he will state if there has been a marked decrease in our reserves at the Bank of Mauritius from April 2005 and April 2006?

The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether he will state the steps taken since July 2005 todate to secure the presence of Mr T. Appasamy in Mauritius following the request made to the British Government for his extradition?

B/743 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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/744 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 most 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/745 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, time and name of officers of his Ministry and of the Police Force who accompanied him?

B/746 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether he will give a list of all the rivers which have been dredged since July 2005 todate, indicating the names of the contractors who were awarded the contracts and the cost incurred per river?

B/747 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he is aware if the members of the Board of Censors were recently requested to resign and, if so, will he state the reasons thereof?

B/748 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he is aware that the Port Louis Municipal Cycling Club was not granted any sponsorship for the current year and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis information as to the reasons thereof?

B/749 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will state if the works recently carried out at Le Donjon St Louis by the Ministry of Local Government are in breach of section 17 of the National Heritage Fund Act 2003 and, if so, will he state the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/750 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (**Dr Mungur**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Standing Investment Climate Improvement Committee, he will state (a) the number of times and the dates on which the Committee met and (b) the recommendations, if any, made to enhance investment schemes and the outcome thereof?

B/751 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (**Dr Mungur**)

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

Whether he proposes to introduce legislation with a view to provide assistance to medical personnel who contract HIV/AIDS in the course of their duties?

B/752 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Chitrakoot Government School, situated at Vallée des Prêtres, he will state the decisions taken, if any, after the meeting held with the Parents Teachers Association?

B/753 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)

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

Whether she will state if the anti-influenza vaccination scheme for old age people this year has already started and, if not, why not?

B/754 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will state Government policy in regard to the renewable energy sources?

B/755 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Child Mentoring project, she will state (a) when the project will be implemented and (b) if mentors have been identified?

B/756 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Women's Council, she will state (a) the number of resource persons whose services have been enlisted since 0ctober 2005 todate, indicating their names and qualifications (b) the number of family support officers who have been recruited since 0ctober 2005 todate, indicating their names, qualifications and addresses and (c) if any family support officer is acting as organizing officer and, if so, state the name, qualifications and special allowance, if any, paid to him?

B/757 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 anti-Chikungunya campaign, he will state the localities where mosquito repellants are freely distributed to members of the public?

B/758 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Issack)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of amending the legislation to compel advertisers to include the VAT in the price of goods when being advertised?

B/759 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Issack)

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

Whether he will table a list of the projects initiated in Constituency No. 2 since July 2005 todate?

B/760 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the waiving of all the penalties that existed at the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd for SME loan accounts, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank, information as to where matters stand?

B/761 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the vaccinations against the H5N1 Avian-Flu being administered to chicks, he will state if a study has been carried out to assess the health hazards to human beings on consumption of its meat?

B/762 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)

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

Whether he is aware that there have been requests for teachers to teach the Mandarin language in primary schools and, if so, will he state (a) the number of schools which have made such requests and (b) if they were acceded to, indicating the number thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

B/763 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent rise in the price of coca cola and mineral water, he will state (a) the date of the last price increase and the respective percentage rise for each of these products and (b) if he has received any representation from consumer associations?

B/764 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the savings made by the sugar industry as a result of Government's decision to provide free transport to students, he will, for the benefit of the House, state if an educational scheme has now been set up by the sugar industry?

B/765 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)

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

Whether he will state if he has received representations from the indian medical practitioners working at the Flacq hospital against the Acting Medical Superintendent complaining of harassment and, if so, if an inquiry has been carried out and the outcome thereof?

B/766 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the purchase of cameras by the National Housing Development Corporation Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the date and the procedure followed for the purchase (b) the cost of the project and (c) the name of the supplier?

B/767 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Corporation Ltd., a list of recruits, including inspectors since July 2005 todate, indicating their names, addresses and conditions of employment?

B/768 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the increase in the pension of the retired personnel following the latest salary increase approved by the Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board,

information as to whether a decision has been reached and, if yes, when payment has been effected and, if not, why not?

B/769 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the Irrigation Canal Project at Petite Rivière, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Water Resources Unit, information as to whether works have started and, if so, the expected date of completion?

B/770 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)

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

Whether, in regard to the allowance paid to individual bus owners for the free transport of school children, old age and handicapped passengers, he will state if he intends to revise the amount thereof and, if not, why not?

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