

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

HOSPITALS – RECEPTION DESK - OFFICERS

(No. B/512) Mrs L. D. Dookun-Luchoomun (Third Member for La Caverne & Phoenix) asked the Minister of Health & Quality of Life whether, in regard to the nursing and other officers posted at the reception desk to attend to emergency cases at the casualty departments in the hospitals, he will state the number thereof in each case.

Reply: I wish to inform the House that the setting up of a Reception Desk for Triage with the support of a Triage Nurse and a Health Care Assistant, was introduced in September 2005. This system was put in place in line with our Government Programme 2005-2010 regarding the reform of the Accident and Emergency Department.

To date, a reception desk is operational at each Regional Hospital and it is manned by one Senior Nursing Officer and one Health Care Assistant who act as Triage Nurse. This service is supported by other officers, including the Medical Records Officers and other Nursing Officers in the Accident and Emergency Department prior to the patient being seen by the Medical and Health Officer. In addition, there are Police Officers, Security Guards and Hospital Servants who assist the patients as and when required.

For instance, at Victoria Hospital some 15 such personnel and at SSRN Hospital some 13 such personnel are, respectively, involved in the various processes as from a patient arrives at the hospital until he/she is seen by a doctor. These processes include a *service d'accueil* and the taking and recording of the vital signs and blood pressure of the patient before the latter is examined by a doctor.

The Triage Nurses have the responsibility to screen patients attending the Casualty Department between 0800 hours and 2200 hours with a view to ascertaining the urgency of each case. The emergency cases are referred to the Accident and Emergency Department and the other cases are directed to the Unsorted Outpatient Department. Patients attending hospitals between 2200 hours and 0800 hours on the next morning are all seen at the Accident & Emergency Department.

Moreover, a fast track approach has been put in place for children and the elderly. In fact, these two categories of patients are referred immediately by the Reception Desk to the Unit concerned.

VACCINATION PROGRAMME – INFANTS

(No. B/513) Mrs L. D. Dookun-Luchoomun (Third Member for La Caverne & Phoenix) asked the Minister of Health & Quality of Life whether he will state if Government will consider including vaccines against cancer in the Vaccination Programme for infants.

Reply: I am advised that an infant is a child below the age of one year.

I am also informed that there is no vaccine against cancer for infants and, therefore, the question of including vaccines against cancer in the vaccination programme for infants does not arise. However, Hepatitis B vaccine is routinely being given to infants in Mauritius in three doses. This prevents Hepatitis B infection and indirectly decreases the risk of liver cancer during adulthood.

CITÉ JONCTION, PAILLES - BUILDING EXTENSION – PETITION -

(No. B/514) Mr J. C. Barbier (Third Member for GRNW& and Port Louis West) asked the Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues & Outer Islands whether, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Black River District Council, information as to if it has received a petition from the inhabitants of the Cité Jonction, Pailles, to the effect that the extension of a building is obstructing the view of the drivers coming from Cité Jonction, Pailles, to the main road, and, if so, the measures that will be taken.

Reply: I am informed by the Black River District Council that no complaints have been received from the inhabitants of Cité Jonction, Pailles pertaining to the erection an enclosure of a grotto located at Corner Dahlias and Pailles road.

EMPLOYEES – LAY-OFFS – COMPENSATION

(No. B/515) Mr A. Ganoo (First Member for Savanne & Black River) asked the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations & Employment whether, in regard to the lay-offs that have taken place in the different sectors of the economy for the months of February, March and April 2009, he will, in each case, state –

- (a) the number thereof;
- (b) the name of the employers, and
- (c) the number of employers who have offered compensation to their employees.

Reply: The number of workers who have been laid off sector wise for the months of February, March and April 2009 is as follows -

Sector	Number of workers laid off		
	February	March	April
Tourism	155	-	22
Construction	-	27	-
Distributive Trade	04	-	-
ICT	106	-	-
Non-EPZ Manufacturing	53	50	31
Manufacturing Sector for Export	96	825	103
Others	-	-	08
TOTAL	414	902	164

I would like to draw the attention of the House that in my reply to the Private Notice Question at our sitting of the 31 March 2009, I informed that the number of workers laid-off during the months of February and March 2009, up to 30 March, was 237 and 702 respectively. I wish to point out that there is currently no provision in the Employment Rights Act 2008 for a time limit for an employer to notify my Ministry of the termination of employment of any worker. Consequently, notifications with regard to some termination of employment which occurred in the months of February and March 2009, have been received well after March 2009. Hence, the total number of workers laid off during the months of February, March and April 2009 is, as at 25 May 2009, 414, 902 and 164 respectively.

I have to inform the House that consideration is being given to amend the Employment Rights Act to provide that every employer shall give notice of termination of employment of a worker to the Minister on the date of the termination of employment and that any failure to do so shall be an offence.

As regards part (b) of the Question, the House will agree that it is not proper for me to reveal the names of employers who have laid-off their workers.

Insofar as part (c) of the Question is concerned, 21 employers have so far offered compensation to their laid-off employees.

SIR GUY ROZEMONT STADIUM, QUATRE BORNES – RENOVATION

(No. B/516) Mr G. Lesjongard (Second Member for Port Louis North & Montagne Longue) asked the Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure & External Communications whether, in regard to the Sir Guy Rozemont Stadium at Quatre Bornes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tourism Fund, information as to if the renovation thereof has been financed by the Fund, and if so, the reasons therefor.

Reply: As the House is aware, Mauritius is promoted as an upmarket, attractive tourist destination.

To be in line with that image, we need to ensure that all our tourist sites and other popular places visited by tourists are embellished and made as attractive as possible. Indeed, Mr Speaker Sir, we believe that the whole of Mauritius has tourism potential of one sort or another.

Accordingly, the scope of the Tourism Fund has been enlarged (in October 2007) to finance the implementation of infrastructural facilities, social amenities and projects other than those which are directly related tourism development. As such, our tourism product will be deepened and diversified and at the same time this will ensure that the benefits of tourism development are spread to a wider cross-section of the population.

In line with the enlarged scope of the Tourism Fund, the Fund has favourably considered the financing of various project proposals submitted by Ministries, local authorities and other institutions. These proposals include wide ranging projects such as the Provision of handrails and steps at Macondé Viewpoint (Rs695,000), Provision of Platform at Chamarel (Rs1.5 m.), the Development of Balfour Garden at Beau Bassin/Rose Hill (Rs3.5 m.), Fixing of lanterns at Calodyne (Rs99,000) and Construction of drains at Grand Baie and Infrastructural works at Grand Gaube (Rs3.4 m.), Upgrading of Cemetry Père Laval (Rs632,000), Upgrading and embellishment works at Cathédral St Louis (Rs3 m.), Control of Stray Dogs/Pests/ Ravens (Rs7.3 m), Installation of Poster panels(Rs500,000), Painting of bus-stops (Rs1 m.), Zoning of Lagoon project (Rs21 m.), Nature Trail Development project at Rodrigues (Rs3 m.), Rehabilitation works of La Citadel (Rs15.2 m.) and general cleaning and upliftment of the destination throughout the island Rs8.3 m.) .

In the same vein, the Tourism Fund had agreed to a project proposal from the Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes for the embellishment of the Guy Rozemont Stadium, which comprise replacement of the security fencing of a cost of around Rs455,000 and embellishment of the stadium involving an amount of about Rs155,000.

The Guy Rozemont Stadium was not only an eyesore but it also represented an hazard for the safety and security of spectators who attend sports, cultural and other activities.

I strongly believe that the whole of Mauritius should become a touristic destination, having regard to our vision to make Mauritius the best island destination in the world. We should therefore spare no effort to uplift and regenerate our urban as well as rural areas through the eradication of eyesores and the implementation of embellishment projects, especially, on minor projects when not much money is involved.

BEL OMBRE - HOTELS - TOURISM FUND

(No. B/517) Mr G. Lesjongard (Second Member for Port Louis North & Montagne Longue) asked the Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure & External Communications whether, in regard to the hotels built at Bel Ombre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tourism Fund, information as to if it has obtained the total amount of the contributions thereto, indicating if all the projects identified in that region have been completed.

Reply: I am informed that the total amount paid to be to the Tourism Fund by the promoters of hotel projects at Bel Ombre is Rs74 m. for Phase I and Rs25 m. for Phase II of the Bel Ombre Integrated Hotel and Leisure Development Project.

I am further informed that two projects had initially been identified under Phase I of the project as follows -

- a) the construction of a mini-multipurpose complex for women entrepreneurs,
and
- b) upgrading of Bel Ombre Public Beach.

However, the projects could not be implemented owing to lack of funds at that time as the funds contributed by the promoters were used up to meet the costs of re-alignment of the Black River/Savanne coastal road amounting to some Rs80 m. which exceeded the amount of contribution received by Rs6 m.

Under the second phase of the project only one promoter has so far signed the lease agreement and we have received an amount of Rs25 m.

Accordingly, this Ministry has had consultations with relevant stakeholders for possible projects that could be implemented and consensus has been reached for the implementation of the Construction of a Women Centre at Bel Ombre project, as a priority.

I am informed that an amount of Rs10 m. has accordingly been earmarked by the Tourism Fund for that project. The drawings have already been finalised and tenders are expected to be launched by July 2009. Works are scheduled to start in September 2009 and expected to be completed by May 2010.

On additional funds being received from promoters of Bel Ombre Hotel Projects, my Ministry, through the Tourism Fund, will consider the implementation of other community development projects, namely -

- rehabilitation of Battelage, and
- construction of a Youth Centre.

AIR MAURITIUS LTD. – BOARD MEMBERS – DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

(No. B/518) Mr G. Lesjongard (Second Member for Port Louis North & Montagne Longue) asked the hon. Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure & External Communications whether, in regard to the Board Members of the Air Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company, information as to if any of them are shareholders of companies dealing with Air Mauritius Ltd.

Reply: I am informed by Air Mauritius Ltd. that in matters pertaining to related party transactions and disclosure of interest, the Company stands guided by the provisions of –

- (i) its Constitution;
- (ii) the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange of Mauritius, and
- (iii) the Companies Act 2001.

Accordingly, the Company is bound by law to disclose all information on related party transactions in its annual reports. Such information for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2008 has been provided in the Company's Annual Report 2007/2008.

I am tabling a copy of the relevant excerpt from the Company's Annual Report 2007/2008.

BELLE MARE/POSTE DE FLACQ – HOTEL PROJECTS

(No. B/519) Mr G. Lesjongard (Second Member for Port Louis North & Montagne Longue) asked the hon. Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure & External Communications whether he will state if his Ministry is in presence of any application for hotel projects in the region of Belle Mare and Poste de Flacq and, if so, indicate the names of the promoters.

Reply (The Minister of Housing & Lands): My Ministry does receive applications on a regular basis for hotel development projects on coastal regions, including the region of Belle Mare and Poste de Flacq.

In examining the requests for State Land for such type of projects consideration is given, *inter alia*, to the following -

- (i) Foreign Direct Investment.
- (ii) Job creation.
- (iii) Social Components of the proposals.
- (iv) Environment and energy savings components in the context of Maurice Ile Durable.
- (v) Compliance with the provisions of the Tourism Strategy.

All criteria relating to the allocation of State land for tourist related projects are posted on the website of my Ministry at the following address -

<http://www.gov.mu/portal/site/housing>

Where State land is available, and with a view to ensuring development in a planned manner, my Ministry develops a Master Plan as has been the case, for example, at Bel Ombre, St Felix, and les Salines Koenig.

My Ministry is currently in the process of finalising a Master Plan for the region of Palmar. Once a decision to allocate any portion of State land for a hotel project is taken by Government, the main obligations on the beneficiary company are as follows -

- (i) contribution to the Tourism Fund, now standing at Rs25 m. for each hotel project;
- (ii) compliance with the provisions of the Planning Policy Guidelines and the relevant outline scheme, and
- (iii) development to start and completed within a given time frame.

Furthermore, the grant of State land is subject to anti-speculatory measures. In the name of transparency and good governance, I will submit in due course a list of all applications for hotel development projects since the year 2000.

YOUTH CENTRE, CARLOS ROAD, TAMARIN – ACTIVITIES

(B/520) Mr A. Ganoo (First Member for Savanne & Black River) asked the Minister of Youth & Sports whether, in regard to the Youth Centre at Carlos Road, Tamarin, he will state -

- (a) the activities organized by the centre for the youth of the locality;
- (b) the number of staff employed thereat;
- (c) the facilities provided thereat, and
- (d) if maintenance and repair works will be undertaken thereat.

Reply: The Youth Section of my Ministry organises a wide array of activities/programmes through the various Youth Centres of the island. These centres are fully equipped and are meant to give maximum opportunities to young people to indulge in healthy leisure, vocational and sports activities.

The activities organised by the Tamarin Youth Centre include outdoor games like Basketball, Volleyball, Petanque and indoor activities such as carrom, modern dance, boxing and aerobics amongst others.

Moreover Training Courses are delivered in the fields of Leadership and Youth & Family Life Management, music and dance, martial arts, literacy etc.

Other activities organised by the centre comprise *Special Vacances Programme*, Life Skills Training, Atelier de theatre, IT initiation, workshops on prevention of social evils.

With regard to part (b), one Temporary Youth Officer is posted at Tamarin Youth Centre, under the supervision and coordination of one Senior Youth Officer and one Principal Youth Officer, who are based at Bambous Youth Centre.

In addition there is also an office attendant, a general worker and a security guard who is on duty when the centre is closed.

With regard to part (c), the facilities provided at the Tamarin Youth Centre are as follows -

1. One multi-purpose hall.
2. Spacious veranda and yard for gatherings and outdoor activities.
3. Basketball and volleyball pitch.
4. Petanque court.
5. NET PCs for IT initiation.

Concerning part (d), I am informed that there are no major repair and maintenance works required at Tamarin Youth Centre. However, the lighting system in the yard has been partly damaged due to bad weather.

The Energy Services Division has already effected a survey and remedial works will be carried out soon.

**CEB - PORT VICTORIA POWER STATION -
DIESEL POWER GENERATORS - TENDER**

(No. B/521) Mr A. Ganoo (First Member for Savanne & Black River) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Renewable Energy & Public Utilities whether, in regard to the launching of the international tender for the installation of three new diesel power generators at the Port Victoria Power Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to -

(a) where matters stand, and

(b) if the Board has resorted to emergency procurement and, if so, indicate –

- (i) the reasons therefor;
- (ii) if prior approval of Cabinet has been sought and obtained, and
- (iii) the Board has resorted to emergency procurement for any other projects since the proclamation of the Public Procurement Act.

Reply: am informed by the CEB that on 03 April 2009, a contract was awarded to Messrs Burmeister and Wain Scandinavian Contractor (BWSC) for the supply, installation, testing and commissioning of two medium speed diesel generator sets of capacity 15 MW each and not three generators. The contract price is EUR 33,573,900 and Rs252,534,100 equivalent to a total of

Rs1.67 billion. Implementation of this project has started on 30 April 2009 and is expected to be completed by October 2010.

With regard part (b), the CEB has resorted to emergency procurement under Section 21 of the Public Procurement Act 2006 after consultation with the Procurement Policy Office and State Law Office, for the following reasons -

- (i) the Fort Victoria project was contemplated in 2006 to meet semi base load generation capacity in replacement of units currently in operation at St Louis and Fort Victoria Power Stations which have already reached the end of their economic life;
- (ii) however, in 2005 and 2006, several electricity generation projects were considered from Gamma Covanta Ltd (15 MW), Suzlon Energy Ltd (25 MW), CT Power (100 MW), CT Sav III (15 MW) and FUEL (2x42MW). Letters of Intent were issued to the first four. These projects were expected to be commissioned by 2008 and 2009 and provide adequate capacity to meet the short to medium term demand. In this context, the Fort Victoria project was put on hold;
- (iii) the Mauritius CT Power and Gamma Covanta projects have not yet been implemented due to a number of factors, which are beyond the control of the CEB;
- (iv) the two promoters FUEL and CT Sav III did not proceed with their project proposals pending the outcome of the review of the Independent Power Producers as agreed by the Government and MSPA in April 2008; and
- (v) with the delay in the implementation of these projects, under CEB's Capacity Expansion Plan, the CEB would inevitably face generation constraints over the next two years. The capacity deficit, would, in the absence of Fort Victoria project be of the order of 11 MW and 30 MW in 2009 and 2010 respectively. The capacity deficit may further deteriorate in view of the ageing of the existing generation park. The coming into operation of the two additional units at the Fort Victoria will address the issue of capacity deficit in 2010.

The CEB Board accordingly took the decision in March 2008, to revive the Fort Victoria project and procurement proceedings started in September 2008 with the closing date being 18 December 2008. Six interested parties purchased the tender documents but only two bids were received at the Central Procurement Board. Recognizing the urgency to implement the project, the Central Procurement Board arranged for the tender evaluation to be carried out from 18 to 23 December 2008 with the assistance of the CEB's Consultant, Mott MacDonald.

The two bids received were as follows -

- (i) Consortium Man Diesel (Germany) Semco Maritime A/S (Denmark) for the sum of 37,873,226.70 Euro and Rs396,871,819.50, and
- (ii) Burmeister and Wain Scandinavian Contractor (BWSC) for the sum of 33,855,000 Euro and Rs285,045,000.

Given that the prices quoted by the two bidders were above the estimated price of Rs1.2 billion, the CPB requested both bidders to submit revised financial proposals. Only one bidder MAN/SEMCO submitted a revised bid while BWSC maintained its original bid. According to the CPB, the revised financial bid did not represent value for money and on 05 February 2009, it advised that a fresh tendering exercise be resorted to with revised specifications so as to enhance competition.

On 06 February 2009, CEB referred the matter to its Consultant, who advised that no benefit will accrue from either re-writing the tender specifications or a re-tendering exercise -

- (i) due consideration should be given by both the CEB and the CPB to the cost to the Mauritian economy if the project is delayed;
- (ii) the price of St Louis project should not be used as a yardstick for estimating the price of Fort Victoria project. The price of St Louis was well below market expectations at that time, and
- (iii) the prices tendered for the project reflect market prices.

Based on the observations of its Consultant and the urgency to implement the project to avoid any electricity shortage in 2010, CEB decided on 10 February 2009 to avail itself of the provision of Section 21 of the Public Procurement Act 2006 Accordingly, CEB negotiated with the lowest bidder and awarded the contract at a reduced price of EURO 33 575 900 and Rs 252 534 100 equivalent to a total of Rs1.67 billion.

Regarding part (b) (ii), Cabinet was informed that the CEB would have to resort to emergency procurement procedures.

Regarding part (iii), the CEB has not resorted to any other emergency procurement since the proclamation of the Public Procurement Act because there was no reason to do so.

Finally, I wish to inform the House that the Central Procurement Board, in a letter dated 02 April 2009, informed the CEB that an independent Consultant which it had appointed considered the price quoted by BWSC to be fair and reasonable.

CASINOS – PROPOSED PRIVATIZATION

(No. B/522) Mr R. Bhagwan (First Member for Beau Bassin & Petite Riviere) asked the Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance & Economic Empowerment whether, in regard to the proposed privatization of the casinos, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation, information as to where matters stand.

Reply: I did inform the House in my reply to PQ No. B/1163, that the SIC Board had in July 2008 decided to retain a UK based company as the preferred bidder for discussions with a view to finalizing the terms and conditions of a Strategic Partnership.

I am, however, informed that the company has failed to provide critical financial information regarding KYC that was crucial to the progress of discussions, unable to confirm the persons forming its management team, and disclose the its ultimate beneficiary owners.

In the circumstance, on the basis of the advice tendered by the Transaction Advisor and opinion of its Legal Adviser, the SIC Board decided on 10 February 2009, to terminate discussions with the Preferred Bidder.

To proceed further with the exercise, the Transaction Advisor contacted the next best bidder and the latter has re-confirmed its interest in the Casinos with a request for SIC to accept or otherwise its bid by 30 April 2009

I am further informed that on 28 April 2009, SIC Board gave its in-principle acceptance to the offer subject to further discussions and negotiations on the terms and conditions of the Strategic Partnership. I understand that discussions are still being pursued.

EBENE - FILLING STATION – LAND LEASE

(No. B/523) Mr R. Bhagwan (First Member for Beau Bassin & Petite Riviere) asked the Minister of Information & Communication Technology whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Business Parks of Mauritius Ltd., information as to if a portion of land was given to a promoter for the setting up of a filling station at Ebène and, if so, indicate –

- (a) the name of the promoter;
- (b) when the application was received;
- (c) the extent of land, and
- (d) the terms and conditions of the lease.

Reply: I am informed by the Business Park of Mauritius Ltd. (BPML) that it has, on 29 February 2008, received an application from one Mr Mohammad Iqbal Bhayat for the setting up of a filling station at Ebène.

Since the BPML had a surplus plot of land of an extent of 4747 m² (1.17 acre) located outside the Ebène Cyber Village and the Cybercity, the Board has decided at its meeting on 25 March 2009 to lease that land to the applicant for the purpose applied for.

The lease is for an initial period of 30 years and is renewable for two further periods of 30 years. A fixed one-off payment of Rs4 m. is payable and the annual rental is Rs200,000. These are the terms and conditions that apply to the lease of plots of land in the Cyber City area.

It is to be noted that unlike plots within the Cyber City, the plot in question is not provided with infrastructural services such as water, power supply and telecommunications facilities.

PETITE RIVIÈRE, ALBION – FOOTBALL GROUND

(No. B/524) Mr R. Bhagwan (First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière) asked the Minister of Environment and National Development Unit whether, in regard to the new football ground at Maingard Village and the upgrading of the football grounds at Petite Rivière and Albion, he will state where matters stand.

Reply: With regard to the football ground at Maingard village, I wish to inform the hon. Member that shortly our Consultant shall carry the necessary site visits in order to

prepare the scope of works and cost estimates and subsequently subject to availability of funds the needful shall be done.

With regard to the football ground at Petite Rivière, I shall request our Consultant to effect a site visit and we shall act on his recommendation.

Finally, as far as the upgrading of Albion football ground is concerned, I understand that the construction of the cloakroom and exterior toilet block, upgrading of football ground and installation of floodlights should be undertaken.

However, I am made to understand that the Consultancy firm Mega Design has already carried out a survey and submitted the design and scope of work to the Ministry of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications for consideration under the Tourism Fund.

CHEMIN DE LA RETRAITE – ROAD TARRING

(No. A/4) Mr S. Dayal (Second Member for Quartier Militaire & Moka) asked the Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues & Outer Islands whether, in regard to the tarring of Chemin de La Retraite from La Laura to Circonstance, he will state if a way leave as requested from Mon Désert Alma has been obtained and, if so, indicate when same will be implemented.

Reply: I am informed by the Moka/Flacq District Council that being given that Chemin de La Retraite from la Laura to Circonstance is a private road belonging to Mon Desert Alma Sugar Estate, no way leave has been obtained from the latter to declare same public.

NAPOLÉON BRIDGE, L'AVENIR TO MALINGA AND LA LAURA – ROAD CLASSIFICATION

(No. A/5) Mr S. Dayal (Second Member for Quartier Militaire & Moka) asked the Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport & Shipping whether he will state if he will consider the advisability of classifying the road leading from the Napoléon Bridge l'Avenir to Malinga, La Laura, and Rivière Baptiste and, if so, indicate when same will be implemented.

Reply: The road from Napoléon Bridge, L'Avenir to La Laura and Malinga is defined as a rural road in the Roads Act and is under the responsibility of the Moka Flacq District Council.

With the setting up of the Land Transport Authority the issue of classification of roads for the whole island will be reviewed and proposals of the hon. Member will be given due consideration.

**SWAMI VIVEKANANDA CONFERENCE CENTRE - '*LE SALON DE LA MAISON
ET DU JARDIN*' - RENTAL**

(No. A/6) Mr M. Allet (Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière) asked the Minister of Education, Culture and Human Resources whether, in regard to the recent holding of '*Le Salon de la Maison et du Jardin*' at the Swami Vivekananda Conference Centre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation Ltd., information as to the amount of money received as rent in connection therewith.

Reply: (The Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance & Economic Empowerment):
We are informed by the State Investment Corporation Ltd that as per its established rental rates, the promoter of Le Salon de la Maison et du Jardin at Swami Vivekananda Conference Centre was invoiced an amount of Rs 1,841,150 inclusive of VAT and that the promoter has already settled the amount.