

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

**PRIME MINISTER OF MAURITIUS/PRIME MINISTER GORDON BROWN –  
CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO - DISCUSSIONS**

(No. B/694) Mr N. Bodha (First Member for Vacoas and Floreal) asked the Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands whether in regard to his recent meeting with Mr Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, he will state if the issue of the Chagos Archipelago has been discussed and if so, the outcome thereof.

*(Withdrawn)*

**PRIME MINISTER OF MAURITIUS/PRESIDENT N. SARKOZY –  
TROMELIN – DISCUSSIONS**

(No. B/695) Mr N. Bodha (First Member for Vacoas and Floreal) asked the Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, Minister of Rodrigues and Outer Islands whether, in regard to his recent meeting with Mr Nicholas Sarkozy, President of the Republic of France, he will state if the issue of Tromelin has been discussed and if so, the outcome thereof.

*(Withdrawn)*

**PRISON OFFICERS – PROMOTION EXERCISE**

(No. B/696) Mr J. R. Spéville (Second Member for Rodrigues) asked the Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands whether in regard to the Prison Officers posted in the prisons in mainland Mauritius and Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to if any promotion exercise has recently been carried out and, if not, why not and if so –

- (a) the number of officers promoted, and
- (b) their respective new posting

**Reply:** I am informed by the Commissioner of Prisons that there are two separate and distinct establishments for the Prisons Service in mainland Mauritius and Rodrigues. The Commissioner of Prisons is responsible for prisons officers on the establishment of the Mauritius Prisons Service, whilst the Island Chief Executive of the Rodrigues

Regional Assembly is responsible for officers on the establishment of the Regional Assembly.

I am informed that since December last year, 107 prisons officers in the different grades on the establishment of the Mauritius Prisons Service have been promoted. Recommendation has also been made to the Disciplined Forces Service Commission for the filling of 32 vacancies in the various promotional grades.

As regards the posts of prisons officers on the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, I am further informed that currently a promotion exercise is being carried out to fill a vacancy which exists in the grade of Principal Prisons Officer. The post is filled by promotion from the grade of Prisons Officer Grade I. In the meantime, the most senior Prisons Officer Grade I has been assigned the duties of the higher post against payment of a responsibility allowance.

I am tabling the information requested by the hon. Member.

#### **POLICE BAND – OFFICERS - RECRUITMENT**

**(No. B/697) Mrs D. Perrier (Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River)** asked the Minister the Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands whether he is aware that some 28 officers of the Police Band, recruited since more than three years, have not yet been confirmed in their post and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the reasons therefor.

*(Vide reply to PQ No. B/688)*

#### **MR Y. D. – GRAND RIVER NORTH WEST – ASSAULT**

**(No. A/4) Mr S. Lauthan (Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East)** asked the 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, in the early morning of Tuesday 27 May 2008, one Mr Y. D. was assaulted at Grand River North West, Port Louis, and had his car stolen and if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof.

**Reply:** According to Police, in the early morning of 27 May 2008, one Mr Y.D. was driving along Royal Road, Grand River North West towards Beau Bassin when another vehicle overtook his car dangerously and stopped abruptly. Two occupants alighted from the vehicle, dragged Mr Y. D. from his car, assaulted him, stole his cellular

phone and Rs1,800 and drove away in his car leaving the other vehicle behind. He was hurt and needed medical treatment.

The personnel of ERS Metropolitan found the stolen car of Mr Y. D. unattended about half an hour after the incident in the middle of the road at Coromandel.

In the early morning, the Western Division ERS which was on patrol arrested two suspects at Beau Bassin. Three other suspects were arrested on the same day by the Beau Bassin CID.

A provisional charge of larceny was lodged against the five suspects before the District Court of Port Louis (Division III). One suspect was remanded to Police cell up to 19 June 2008. The other four suspects, aged 17, were remanded to the Rehabilitation Youth Centre up to 30 June 2008.

Another suspect is still at large and efforts are being made for his arrest.

Police enquiry is being pursued.