The Executive Council met at 10.30 hours this Friday 06 March 2015 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge CLAIR, G.C.S.K.

1. The Executive Council has agreed for the increase of the monthly stipend payable to the awardees of the two scholarships offered by the BSP School of Accountancy and Management Top up by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly from Rs 3,000 to Rs 4,000 in line with the existing financial assistance scheme.

2. The Executive Council has agreed to subsidize the selling price of onion, potato, garlic seeds to planters for the crop year 2015. However, in view of the existing avenues of market facilities for ginger and turmeric, this year, turmeric and ginger seeds will also be subsidized as an incentive to planters for the promotion of the local production of these crops.

3. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Industrial Development enlists the service of Empretec Mauritius for the running of a comprehensive programme to initiate young unemployed graduates to the world of entrepreneurship. The objective of the programme is to equip the unemployed young graduates with the necessary skills, ability and competencies to enable them to embark into the world of business.

4. The Executive Council has taken note that approval has been obtained to operationalize the following schemes:
   
   i. Duty-free facilities on vehicle to planters/farmers/fishermen co-operatives societies; and
   ii. Exemption of excise duty and VAT on diesel for fishing vessels going for fishing expeditions on the high seas.

The above two schemes are effective as from the 23rd of February 2015.
5. The Executive Council has taken note of the signature of a contract agreement and between the Rodrigues Regional Assembly represented by the Commission for Information and Communication Technology and Call Services Ltd (CSL) for the start of operations in call centre/Business Process Outsourcing activities in Rodrigues.

6. The Executive Council has agreed for the procurement of equipment for coastal zone monitoring in Rodrigues. Amongst the equipment, an adapted scientific marine survey boat will be procured for coastal erosion surveys, marine biota surveys and desalination plant monitoring surveys. The boat will be based at the Fisheries Research and Training Unit.

7. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Industrial Development is in the process of procuring equipment for the lime processing plant at Graviers. The objective of setting the modern lime juice processing plant is to create sustainable employment for a group of nine young aspirant entrepreneurs and also to absorb the whole production of lemon, thus, avoiding wastage and spoilage.

8. The Executive Council has taken note of the Large Net Catch on the opening of the large net fishing on 1st March 2015. A total of 6,132 kg of fish were caught by the six (6) large net fisheries.

9. The Executive Council has taken note that a certificate award ceremony is being organized on 10 March 2015 for sixteen officers from the Fisheries Protection Service, Forestry Services and the Fisheries Research and Training Unit who followed training courses for a skipper’s licence.

10. The Executive Council has taken note that a delegation from the Tourism Authority will be on mission to Rodrigues from 08 to 15 March 2015 to conduct training to some 25 aspiring skippers and the survey of new pleasure crafts.

11. The Executive Council has taken note that a contract is being awarded for the rehabilitation and widening of existing bridge at Anse aux Anglais.

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