PRESS RELEASE

The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 3 June 2011 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. G. JABEEMISSAR and has, among its deliberations:

DECIDED:-

(i) to approve that the Commission for Community Development and the Commission for Cooperatives Services proceed with the relocation of the Cooperatives Division Office at Pointe Monier and same be granted to Pointe Monier Village Committee to be used as Community Centre after some minor rehabilitation works. In addition another Government Quarters at Pointe l’herbe will also be donated to the Village Committee of the said locality for the purpose of a Community Centre there.

(ii) to approve the construction of new Community Centres in the following villages, Citronelle B, Montagne du Sable/Anse Goeland, Citron-la Ferme, Coromandel, Mont Lubin, Petit Gabriel B and Palisade Ternel.

(iii) to approve that the Commission for Agriculture provides support to lime producers around the island through the purchase of lime at Rs 18.00 per kg through the Rodrigues Trading and Marketing Co. Ltd up to a total of 70 tons. It is expected that following the purchase of the 70 tons of mature green lemon, the market price would have increased and lemon producers would be able to sell to different buyers at a reasonable price thus to cover their expenses.
DECIDED:-

(iv) to approve that the Commission for Social Security proceed with the refund 50% of the costs of examination fees for SC/HSC Examinations 2011 met by parents who applied for assistance in favour of their wards.

TAKEN NOTE :-

(i) that the activities organised by the Commission for Environment in the context of the celebration of the World Environment Day 2011. The official celebration of the event will be held on Saturday 5th June 2011 at Riviere Coco football ground during which: -

(a) A carnival contest in collaboration with the Commission for Youth and Sports be held with the following prizes to be awarded:

1st prize – Rs 7000 + shield

2nd prize – Rs 5000 + shield

3rd prize – Rs 3000 + shield

(b) Symbolic “Mise en Terre” and Donation of Plants to the Villages.

(c) Exhibition by the Stakeholders involved in Environmental Protection.
TAKEN NOTE

The following activities will also be held during the World Environment Day 2011 celebration, namely: -

i) An island wide cleaning campaigns as from Saturday 30 April with the collaboration of the RCSS and private stakeholders in the six electoral regions and over six consecutive weekends as follows:-

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ii) an essay competition with the collaboration of the Commission for Education for students of form IV to VI on the themes “What are the major changes that have been occurred to the Rodriguan forests during the past century, what are the causes of those changes? What will be the consequences and challenges for the future generation?

iii) Sensitization Programme in Colleges and Radio Talks as follows: -

on Tuesday 31 May - Environment Division
Wednesday 01 June - Police De L’Environement
Thursday 02 June - MWF
Friday 03 June - SEMPA
Saturday 04 June - Shoals Rodrigues
Sunday 05 June - Forestry Services/
iv) A Fresco painting activity on Saturday 04 June 2011 at Hauteur Bornes where ten students from each college are expected to participate.

v) A coastal and lagoon cleaning campaign on 19 June 2011 in the southern part of Rodrigues in collaboration with SEMPA Office.

vi) A photo contest on the “Rodrigues and its Nature in the Past” at Plaine Mao, Camp Pintade together with a musical animation on 26th June 2011 in collaboration with the Thematic Group IV, “Environment and Public Infrastructure” of the SIDPR.

(ii) that the Commission for Small and Medium Enterprizes will provide financial help to the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Authority (SMEDA) to the tune of Rs 15,000 to enable five Rodriguan entrepreneurs to participate in the INNOVex 2011 – SME trade fair at Mont Choisy, Mauritius during the weekend 28-29 May 2011 as well as Rs 5000 to the Association Feminine de Deux Goyaves – Mont Lubin with a view to enable them to promote entrepreneurial spirit in the handicraft sector.

(iii) that the Commission for Water Resources will proceed with the purchase two new lorry water tankers for the purpose of distributing potable water, more particularly in crisis situation.
TAKEN NOTE

(iv) that the latest development regarding projects of the Commission for Water Resources since the assumption of duty of the Commissioner of Water Resources and Others. It is to be noted that all ways and means have been devised to provide the population with an adequate supply of potable water. Besides holding regular water steering committees, many site visits were carried out as well as exercising close monitoring with a view to see to it that the projects are completed within the agreed time frame.

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