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The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 14 September 2012 under the chairmanship of the Deputy Chief Commissioner, Mrs. Rose Marie Franchette GASPARD-PIERRE LOUIS and has among its deliberations:-

DECIDED:

(i) To approve that;

(a) the ex-agricultural sub office at Mont Plaisir is put at the disposal of the Rodrigues Turmeric Producers Association for the setting up of a Turmeric Processing Plant; and

(b) a store at the ex-Livestock production Unit of Marechal is put at the disposal of the Marechal Regional Credit Union and Marketing Co-operative Society Ltd to be used as an office and an outlet for the sale of agricultural inputs to its members and farmers of the region.

(ii) To approve the submission of a request for Bilateral Technical Cooperation Funds to the African Development Bank (AFDB) through the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development to source funds to support the Rodrigues Regional Assembly to identify measures to strengthen the linkages between education and the employment systems in Rodrigues in line with the Regional Government Programme 2012-2017 where Education and Training Sectors are viewed as the lever for a profound transformation of Rodrigues in the endeavor to improve employment prospects, reduce external human resources dependency and widen the education route.
TAKEN NOTE

(i) That five candidates from Rodrigues are actually in Mauritius undergoing a six months training course leading to a National Certificate for Care of Elderly and Disabled. The training course is being run by the Ministry for Social Security and Reform Institutions in collaboration with the Mauritius Institute of Health.

(ii) That the Ministry for Youth and Sports has extended the invitation from the International Award Office to Rodrigues for a youth representative to participate in the 11th International Award Forum to be held from 21 to 25 November 2012 in Malta.

(iii) That Honourable S. RITOO, Minister of Youth and Sports will be on mission to Rodrigues from 15 to 17 September 2012. During his mission, the Minister will hand over the “Prix Bourses” to the laureates of the entrepreneurship competition organised by the CONFEJES. Working sessions will also be held with the Commissioner for Youth and the Commissioner for Health and Sports.

(iv) That the Commission for Water Resources will launch tender for the supply of 50 fibre glass moulds for reinforced concrete circular water tank of capacity 4m$^3$ to be used for the construction of concrete water tanks in connection with the rain water harvesting project in villages for vulnerable households.

(v) That a team of delegates from the African Development Bank (AFDB) will effect a visit in Rodrigues as from 19th September 2012 to discuss projects and avenues of collaboration between the institution and the Rodrigues Regional Assembly.

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