PRESS RELEASE

The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 19 August 2011 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. G. JABEEMISSAR, G.O.S.K. and has, among its deliberations:

DECIDED:-

to grant a monthly assistance of Rs 2,000 to a women of Oyster Bay to enable her to purchase medicine for her son aged 20 years who is suffering from a chronic ailment requiring continuous treatment. Being a recipient of basic invalid Pension she is facing great difficulties to support her son who is studying medicine in China where he has to bear the cost of medical drugs.

TAKEN NOTE :-

(i) that a BSc (Hons) Computing and Information Systems (Top Up) Programme which will be delivered by the University of Technology, Mauritius (UTM) will be launched on Monday 5 September 2011, at 13 30 Hrs at the Human Resource Centre, Malabar. The objective of the programme is to equip students with the required skills to become competent practitioners in using, developing and managing modern computer/information systems.
(ii) that a Memorandum of Understanding will be signed between the Commission for Education and the Mauritius Institute of Education on Friday 19 August 2011 at 1430 hours at the Central Administration. The signature of the Memorandum of Understanding will facilitate the organization of courses for teaching staffs of Pre-primary, Primary and Secondary schools in Rodrigues.

(iii) that upon the recommendation of the Commission for Social Security the following improvement works will be carried out in view of the celebration of Mrs. Elixene PLAICHE 100\textsuperscript{th} Birthday on 18 September 2011:

a. Construction of track road (60mt long);

b. Conversation of a room into a toilet block comprising bathroom and toilet;

c. Painting of the centenarian’s house; and

d. Painting of Riviere Banane Community Centre and Construction of septic tank.

(iv) that the Commission for Water Resources, Handicraft and Consumer Protection is envisaging to enlist the assistance of Water Research Company Ltd during their presence in Rodrigues as from the beginning of September, 2011, to assess the condition of existing boreholes.

(v) that the contract for the Upgrading of Water System at Dans Limon (La Ferme) has been awarded to the lowest evaluated and complying bidder for the sum of Rs 2,956,610.04 inclusive of VAT. The project consists of upgrading of existing reservoir, desilting of spring, construction of masonry walls and fencing works, site and other ancilliary works.

(vi) that the annual grant in aid of Rs 30,000 will be disbursed to the Trevor Huddleston Association for the Disabled, Gonzague PIERRE LOUIS Special Learning Centre. The Association has submitted their audited account for the last financial year according to relevant financial procedures.
(vii) that a delegation from the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life is on mission to Rodrigues from 15 to 19 August in the context of the implementation of the Project “Enforcement of the Smoke Free Regulations” in Rodrigues which aims at achieving 100% smoke free public places. The following activities are being organised in collaboration with the Commission for Commission for Health, Co-operatives, Fire services, Social Security and Prison and Reforms Institutions from 16 to 19 August:-

(a) One day Training Workshop for 25 Enforcement Officers (Police Officers and Health Inspectors);

(b) Three (3) Community Sensitisation workshops for Community Leaders, Officers-in-Charge Community Centres, Representatives of Women’s Associations, Local Health Committee Members and Representatives of “Forces Vives”

(c) Two (2) Briefing Meetings with the hospitality sector and businesses; and

(d) A briefing session for the media.

(viii) of the arrangement being initiated for the training of fishers, who have applied for off-lagoon fisherman registration card, in off-lagoon fishing techniques by the Fisheries Training and Research Unit. According to the criteria for registration as off lagoon fishers the applicants should follow the training dispensed by the FRTU in off lagoon fishing techniques comprising both theoretical and practical sessions.

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