PRESS RELEASE

The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 21 January 2011 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. G. JABEEMISSAR and has, among its deliberations:

DECIDED:

(i) to approve that the Commission for Fisheries has revised the criteria for the issue of off lagoon fisherman card. In this respect permanent off lagoon registration card will be granted next week to fishers who have successfully followed the required off-lagoon training dispensed by the Fisheries Research and Training Unit.

(ii) to approve that the Deputy Chief Commissioners office will authorize the Central Electricity Board (CEB) to undertake the following works at the new Shelter at Baladirou: -

(a) increase the Capacity Transformer from 25 Kva to 100 Kva; and

(b) extension of Low Voltage Network (Erection of poles and cables)

(iii) to approve that the Commission for Health has granted financial assistance to the tune of Rs50,000 to Mrs. Marie Lineda HORTENSE of Palissade which has enabled her to accompany her son, minor Joseph Kinsley HORTENSE aged 14 months to India for further treatment not available in Mauritius.
TAKEN NOTE:

(i) that Hon. X. L. Duval, Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment will lead a delegation on mission to Rodrigues as from Friday 21 January 2011 to Sunday 23 January 2011. The delegation will have a working session with the Chief Commissioner and Commissioner for Education and the Commissioner for Social Security as well as a distribution of school materials to needy students at Citron Donis Youth Centre.

(ii) that a contract has been signed with D’Unienville Boating Ltd for the purchase of five fishing boats under the Fishing boat project for the Five Fishermen Cooperative societies which is being financed under the Rural Development Programme. The five boats are expected to be delivered in Rodrigues in September 2011.

(iii) that the Commission for Fisheries will initiate procedures for the compensation of a third batch of lagoon fishers who are interested to voluntarily relinquish their registration card. The existing modalities make provision for fishers having 50 years old and above will receive a fixed compensation of Rs 25,000. This amount has therefore been revised to Rs 30,000.

(iv) that the Commission for Education has awarded the contract for the Construction of Terre Rouge College (Phase 1) to Laxmanbhai & Co. (Mtuus) Ltd. The project consists of the construction of a school in three storey building, comprising nine classrooms, a Communication and Design room and a staff room.

(v) that the Commission for Education will resume with courses for SC and HSC private candidates in February 2011. The aim of this project is to motivate out of school youths to continually improve their qualifications and promote a lifelong learning culture. Applications will be invited through radio communiqué from private candidates who are interested to follow courses delivered by tutors appointed by the Commission for Education.

(vi) that the Commission for Public Infrastructure in Collaboration with the Commission for Agriculture will construct a drinking trough for cattle at Limon. The main objective of the project is to provide a safe and common water source for cattle and to relieve the farmers the burden of fetching drinking water over long distances for their cattle.


**TAKEN NOTE:**

(vii) that the Commission for Environment has awarded the tender for the upgrading of Women Centre/Children Garden at Terre Rouge. The scope of the works would consist of:

(i) Rehabilitation of building and yard consisting of site clearance and levelling, painting works, upgrading of openings, plumbing works and electrical works;

(ii) Construction of new Track Road (Double Track);

(iii) Construction of boundary wall;

(iv) Demolition and carting away of circular concrete water tanks;

(v) Construction of children garden comprising the supply and fixing of external games;

(vi) Paving works;

(vii) Landscaping; and

(viii) Supply and fixing of metal gate.

(viii) the outcome of mission of the Commissioner for Agriculture, Mr. Louis Ange PERRINE to Mauritius from 18 to 20 January 2011. During his mission he had a working session with Dr. A. T. KASSENALLY, Minister of Housing and Lands during which it was agreed that additional support of Surveyors from the Ministry will be provided to clear the backlog of state land leases.

(ix) That Dr. Jean Donny ROSE, a Rodriguan born Dental Surgeon/Senior Dental Surgeon has been offered employment on a contract basis of one year to be posted at Queen Elisabeth Hospital, Rodrigues.
TAKEN NOTE:

(x) of measures being taken by the Commission for Water Resources in collaboration with the Rodrigues Water Company Ltd to alleviate the water problems being presently faced by the Rodriguans due to the prevailing drought season:-

(a) recruitment of private lorry tankers to supply water island wise

(b) increase the number of public prises from two to four at Malabar and from one to three at Bigarade

(c) fill in the white coated tank found in the yard of the village committee of Mangues with water from source Manon

(d) carry out a preliminary survey of the water tanks already fixed in several regions. Same will be filled by private lorry tankers according to an established programme.

(xi) that Regulations have been made by the Central Government to prohibit the use of domestic and non-domestic water supply to wash vehicles, pavements, buildings, and to water hedges and lawns. Any person who infringes the law would commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to: -

- in the case of a domestic consumer, to a fine not exceeding Rs 50,000 and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years; and

- in any other case, to a fine not exceeding Rs 200,000 and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.

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