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MATTERS RAISED

PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS – EDUCATORS - SALARIES

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Mrs A. Navarre-Marie (Fourth Member for GRNW & Port Louis West): Thank you, Mr Speaker, Sir. I wish to address myself to the hon. Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology. It has been brought to my knowledge that some 150 Educators of Private Secondary Schools have not yet received their salaries from the month of March to date. Most of them have been working for a year.

During a phone conversation that the Secretary of UPSEE had with the Director of the PSEA this morning, the latter replied that School Managers may have delayed or may not have sent the school timetable to justify the working periods of these Educators. He also said that he has to investigate on a case to case basis whether these Educators conducted online courses. It would appear that School Managers did send the timetable to the PSEA.

Regarding the issue of online teaching, Mr Speaker, Sir, as other sectors have been provided with wage assistance, it would be inhumane that these Educators be deprived of their salaries.

I am humbly requesting the hon. Vice-Prime Minister to look into the issue and to impress upon the PSEA so that the salaries be paid those Educators.

Thank you.

The Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology (Mrs L. D. Dookun-Luchoomun): Mr Speaker, Sir, I am aware of this issue. In fact, Teachers are paid according to the entitlement of schools. Very often, Managers do not send the timetable in time and so the entitlement cannot be confirmed. But then, for the Teachers that have been mentioned here, the number is about 45 - the others have been paid - whose salaries have not been paid because it has not been cleared yet whether the entitlement of the school is okay or not, but I will certainly look into the matter.

Thank you.