

# SECONDARY

## INFRASTRUCTURE

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### STATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS - GYMNASIUM FACILITIES

(18.04.2023)

(No. B/234) **Dr. M. Gungapersad (Second Member for Grand Baie & Poudre d'Or)** asked the Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology whether, in regard to the State Secondary Schools, she will state the number thereof fully equipped with operational gymnasium facilities and table copy thereof.

**The Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology (Mrs L. D. Dookun-Luchoomun):** Mr Speaker, Sir, my Ministry provides the necessary infrastructure and amenities in our State Schools for the practice of sports and physical activities.

Mr Speaker, Sir, I wish to inform the House that currently, we have 63 State Secondary Schools, out of which 35 are equipped with a gymnasium. Out of these 35 gymnasiums, 32 are operational and fitted with equipment for physical education activities. As regards, the remaining three gymnasiums, they are temporarily not in operation due to water leakages and electrical wiring issues. My Ministry has already requested the Ministry of National Infrastructure and Community Development to take remedial actions to address these issues.

Mr Speaker, Sir, I am herewith tabling a list of the 32 equipped gymnasium available in the State Secondary Schools.

**Dr. Gungapersad:** Mr Speaker, Sir, given that 18 State Secondary Schools do not have a proper gymnasium for the time being, will the hon. Minister inform the House when those gymnasiums, for which Budgetary Provisions were made in the past, for example, in the Budget Speeches of 2015-2016, 2018-2019 and 2021-2022 be built because last year's Budget Speech only mentions the construction of a gymnasium at RCC, not mentioning the other SSS colleges?

**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun:** Mr Speaker, Sir, I wish to inform the House that the MNI has informed that tender documents have been finalised for one multipurpose hall and however, they had to be reworked due to changes in the bidding document format and Bill of quantities are presently being prepared and the same applies to all the other five halls that were supposed to be set up and they would be ready by the end of June and the tenders will be launched thereafter.

**Dr. Gungapersad:** Hon. Minister, you mentioned, I think three gymnasiums which are not operational because of leakage, for example, in Quartier-Militaire SSS. Will any legal actions be taken against the contractors because of major defect which have been identified during the liability period and when will these gymnasiums where we have leakages, be operational?

**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun:** Mr Speaker, Sir, the matter has already been referred to the Ministry of National Infrastructure and necessary actions are being taken.

**Mr Speaker:** Next question!

**Ms Anquetil:** B/235.

**Mr Speaker:** No, I said this morning that your question has been transferred to the hon. Minister Ganoo.