

RÉUNION ROAD GOVERNMENT SCHOOL, VACOAS – REPAIR WORKS

(No. B/331) Mr N. Bodha (Second Member for Vacoas & Floréal) asked the Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology whether, in regard to the repair works being carried out at Réunion Road Government School in Vacoas, she will state the progress of work thereof, indicating the scheduled completion date thereof.

The Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology (Mrs L. D. Dookun-Luchoomun): Mr Speaker, Sir, there are presently no repair works being carried out at Réunion Government School.

In June 2023, the following repair works were carried out at the school –

- (i) the replacement of damaged profile roofing sheets;
- (ii) treatment of leakages;
- (iii) replacement of false ceilings;
- (iv) general internal painting;
- (v) replacement of gutters;
- (vi) pigeon proofing works;
- (vii) provision of new burglar proofing;
- (viii) rendering of front boundary wall, and
- (ix) fencing works.

I am also informed, Mr Speaker, Sir, that a new classroom block and two toilet blocks were under construction but works have been suspended as the contractor has left the site without completing the works. The Ministry of National Infrastructure and Community Development is taking action to award contracts for completion of the outstanding works under its framework agreement.

Mr Bodha: May I ask the hon. Minister when did the contractor leave the site?

Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun: Mr Speaker, Sir, I am informed that the contractor left the site in September 2023.

Mr Bodha: So, the hon. Minister will agree that it has now been almost six or seven months and the site is a construction site within a school. So, may I ask the hon. Minister to take some urgent measures so that the children can attend school in the best conditions and in the meantime, whether, some sort

of a sanction can be taken against the contractor and a new contractor be designated to finish the works?

Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun: Mr Speaker, Sir, the area has been hoarded and on top of that, there were discussions between the MNICD and the contractor. That is why it took some time but since no solutions were found, it was decided to terminate the contract and to award new contracts through the General Framework Agreement.

Mr Speaker, Sir, the school, the area has been hoarded out so that students can go to school without any problem in the remaining part.