

PRIMARY

INFRASTRUCTURE

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS – CONSTITUENCY NO. 4 – RENOVATION WORKS

(05/12/2023)

(No. B/1665) Ms J. Tour (Third Member for Port Louis North & Montagne Longue) asked the Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology whether, in regard to the renovation works undertaken in government schools in Constituency No. 4, Port Louis North and Montagne Longue, she will give a list thereof since 2020 to, indicating in each case the –

- (a) scope of works, and (b)
related costs.

The Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology (Mrs L. D. Dookun-Luchoomun): Allow me, Mr Speaker, Sir, in the first place, to thank the hon. Member for this question which gives me the opportunity to elaborate on the works having been undertaken in the government schools in the Port Louis North and Montagne Longue region.

Surveys and several visits were carried out by officers of the Infrastructure Management Unit of my Ministry into schools in this region. The hon. Member along with two other MPs of the Constituency No. 4 have been regularly following works being carried out thereat.

Mr Speaker, Sir, I am informed that since January 2020 till date, renovation works carried out in government Primary Schools and State Secondary Schools found in Constituency No. 4, Port Louis North and Montagne Longue, have been carried out. The renovation works pertain to, inter alia, waterproofing, repairs to spoiling concrete, painting, replacement of CIS roofs in classrooms, replacement of electrical wiring, provision of air conditioners in ICT rooms and libraries, provision of metal canopy and shed, provision of high-rise fencing, toilet blocks, kitchenette and stores.

The schools involved are –

- Mohabeer Foogooa Government School;

- Crève-Coeur Government School;
- Morcellement Raffray Government School;
- Ramnarain Government School;
- Pandit Jagdish Sharma Radhay Government School;
- Vallée Des Prêtres Government School ;
- La Briqueterie Government School ;
- Elsie Prele, Nicolay and Marcel Cabon Government Schools, and
- Port North SSS Boys.

I am tabling the details of works undertaken in those schools and their respective costs.

Mr Speaker, Sir, I am further informed that other renovation works are in the pipeline at Notre Dame Government School, Crève-Coeur Government School, Morcellement Raffray Government School and Port Louis North SSS, and same will be completed before the end of this financial year.

Ms Tour: Thank you, Mr Speaker, Sir. In her reply, the hon. Vice-Prime Minister mentioned about renovation in Mohabeer Foogooa Government School. The building of this school is a very old one, nearly 70 years old. Can the hon. Vice-Prime Minister inform the House whether consideration will be given for the building of a new school in the future?

Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun: Mr Speaker, Sir, will have to be guided by the engineers at the MNI. We will ask them to carry out a survey and in case they recommend that the building be pulled down and a new one constructed, we will move in that sense, Mr Speaker, Sir.

Ms Tour: Thank you, Mr Speaker, Sir. Can the hon. Vice-Prime Minister give us an indication of the total cost of renovation works carried out in government schools in Constituency No. 4?

Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun: Mr Speaker, Sir, I can give the value for part of the work that has already been completed. It is to the tune of some Rs78 m.