

SECONDARY

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ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXTENDED PROGRAMME – SUCCESS RATE (12.12.2023)

(No. B/1726) **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 72 students who successfully completed their National Certificate of Education Extended Programme in 2022 and promoted in Grade 10 in January 2023, she will state the percentage pass rate thereof subject-wise.

The Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology (Mrs L. D. Dookun-Luchoomun): Mr Speaker, Sir, I wish to inform the House that the 72 students of Extended Programme who were promoted to Grade 10 in 2023, are being closely followed and provided with required support to help them in their studies.

Mr Speaker, Sir, however, I firmly believe that it would not be ethical nor proper for the Ministry to request for individual results of students from the schools and disclosing information about the progress of these students in the Assembly making it public which would be tantamount to stigmatising them. The perception of them being considered as weak students is damaging to their self-esteem as well as their educational progress.

Mr Speaker, Sir, the House may rest assured that the follow-up is being done and measures deemed appropriate are being taken where necessary.

Dr. Gungapersad: Thank you, Mr Speaker, Sir. We congratulate those students who have succeeded and moved to Grade 10 and since your Ministry must be doing a very close monitoring, hon. Minister, may I ask you how many of them have successfully completed their Grade 10 to move to Grade 11 in January 2024?

Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun: Mr Speaker, Sir, I have just mentioned in my reply that I do not consider it to be proper for the Ministry to request for individual results of students from Grade 10 to Grade 11. Well, it should be stopped, Mr Speaker, Sir. Shall we carry on this way?

I do believe that the quality assurance department of the Ministry and that of the PSEA are doing the follow-up.

Mr Speaker: Sufficiently canvassed! I move to the next question!