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GOVERNMENT & GRANT-AIDED PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS – STUDENT ENROLMENT & STAFFING

(No. B/1183) Mr E. Juman (First Member for Port Louis Maritime & Port Louis East) asked the Minister of Education and Human Resource whether, in regard to Government and grant-aided primary and secondary schools, he will state, since 1 January 2026 to date, the total number of –

(a) students enrolled and teaching and non-teaching staff in post, giving in each case, a breakdown thereof for primary and secondary schools, respectively, and

(b) days of absenteeism recorded in respect of students, teaching and non-teaching staff, respectively, giving in each case, a breakdown thereof for primary and secondary schools, respectively.

Dr. Gungapersad: Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, I wish to inform the House that there are a total of 420 Government and grant-aided primary and secondary schools as follows –

(i) 219 Government Primary Schools;

(ii) 53 Grant-Aided Primary Schools;

(iii) 66 State Secondary Schools including 6 MGI/RTI Schools, and

(iv) 82 Grant-Aided Secondary Schools.

With regard to part (a) of the question, I am informed that the number of students enrolled in these schools are –

(i) 61,093 in Government Primary Schools;

(ii) 17,098 in Grant-Aided Primary Schools;

(iii) 37,358 in State Secondary Schools including MGI/RTI schools;

(iv) 42,218 Grant-Aided Secondary Schools including PSEA, MEDCO and REDCO.

As regard to the staffing position, I am informed that there are –

(i) 4,880 teaching staff, 1,898 non-teaching staff in Government Primary Schools;

(ii) 1,193 teaching staff and 538 non-teaching staff in Grant-Aided Primary Schools;

(iii) 5,279 teaching staff and 2,061 non-teaching staff in State Secondary Schools including six MGI/RTI Schools;

(iv) 4,821 teaching staff and 2,256 non-teaching staff in the Grant-Aided Secondary Schools.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, with regard to part (b) of the question, the House would appreciate that it will take some more time to compile the information requested by the hon. Member. This information is currently being compiled by the officials of my Ministry and same will be placed in the Library of the National Assembly as soon as the compilation is completed.

Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker: You have one, hon. Member?

Ms Savabaddy: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir. Can the hon. Minister inform the House the fact that unions and managers heavily criticize the Private Secondary Education Authority (PSEA) for retroactively declaring legitimate operational expenses as disallowed after funds are spent creating immense financial instability. What will be done in such cases?

Yes?

Dr. Gungapersad: Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, I cannot see how this question is related to the number of schools.

The Deputy Speaker: So, you do not have an answer?

Dr. Gungapersad: The question is not related to this.

The Deputy Speaker: Okay, you do not have an answer. Thank you.