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ITET – OFFICER-IN-CHARGE – QUALIFICATIONS & REMUNERATION

(No. B/1436) Mr R. Beechook (Second Member for Flacq & Bon Accueil) asked the Minister of Education and Human Resource whether, in regard to the Officer in Charge of the Institute of Technical Education and Technology, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the substantive grade thereof, indicating the –

(a) academic and professional qualifications thereof;

(b) quantum of the remuneration, allowances and other benefits attached to the post, and

(c) criteria governing the appointment thereof and the rationale therefor.

Dr. Gungapersad: Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, I wish to thank the hon. Member for this question on the Institute of Technical Education and Technology, commonly known as the ITET.

It is good for the House to know that the ITET was set up in January 2022 to provide technical and technology education in line with the current and future needs of the economy. The ITET is presently headed by a Director and 25 staff. The Director was appointed on 13 October 2025. However, he had to proceed urgently on sick leave for medical treatment from 21 July 2026 to 24 September 2026. Fortunately, the Director resumed work on 25 September 2026.

It was during the medical leave of the Director that the Technical Education Centre Executive of the ITET, the senior-most officer in grade after the Director, was assigned the duties of Officer-in-Charge of the institution to ensure managerial continuity of all ongoing

activities and oversee the day-to-day running thereof for administrative convenience by the board.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, as regards part (a) of the question, I am informed that the Technical Education Centre Executive holds a degree in Management with Finance.

As regards part (b) of the question, I am further informed that as at date, no allowance has yet been disbursed to the Technical Education Centre Executive for the assignment of duties as Officer-in-Charge from 21 July 2026 to 24 September 2026. He will however be paid allowances in line with circular letter dated 06 September 2022 from the Secretary of the Public Service. The amount to be released stands at Rs25,600 monthly, therefore amounting to Rs51,200 for the two months, including the pay component.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, with regard to part (c) of the question, as already mentioned earlier, the Officer-in-Charge was designated to replace the Director for administrative convenience. During the absence of the Director, the Officer-in-Charge ensured the following, and I need to mention it –

(i) The delivery of winter short courses for some 417 secondary students in different courses.

(ii) The preparation of 15 award courses at NCE Level 3, 4 and 5 for the intake in January 2027.

(iii) The accreditation of nine non-award courses.

(iv) The preparation of short-term courses targeted for secondary school students.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, I wish to place on record that the ITET was dormant since its creation in 2022. No courses had been developed and delivered before that. With the appointment of the new Director, several courses have been developed and activities are ongoing at the ITET.

To conclude, I wish to thank the Officer-in-Charge for the good work carried out, and wish the Director good health and hope he continues with his good work.

The Deputy Speaker: Yes, supplementary, hon. Beechook!

Mr Beechook: The question I had asked, Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, is: what is the substantive grade of the person, Mr K.B., who is acting as Officer-in-Charge during the absence of the Director?

Dr. Gungapersad: I answered it. During the absence of the Director, we had an Officer-in-Charge, the senior-most officer, who was the Centre Manager, and was allocated this responsibility, and for that he got Rs25,600 for one month. Is that it?

Mr Beechook: Is he an Office Management Assistant? Is that the specific grade of his employment?

Dr. Gungapersad: No, he was given that amount for assuming that responsibility as per a circular dated 06 September 2022 from the Secretary for Public Service. This guides how much you have to give them. There is a circular.