

# TERTIARY

## SATYAM/IT

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### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### FOREIGN STUDENTS – PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS – ENROLMENT CONDITIONS

(20.06.2023)

(No. B/788) 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 foreign students, she will state the –

- (a) conditions applicable to enrol in private institutions in Mauritius, indicating the documents requested therefor, and
- (b) number thereof enrolled since January 2022 to date.

**The Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology (Mrs L. D. Dookun-Luchoomun):** Mr Speaker, Sir, in the context of the internationalisation of the Mauritian Higher Education Sector, institutions are encouraged to enrol foreign students.

The academic requirements applicable to foreign students for enrolment in HEIs in Mauritius for a university programme leading to a degree are as follows –

- (i) They should have either 3 subjects at A-level and 1 subject at subsidiary level at Higher School Certificate Examination, or
- (ii) 2 subjects at A-level and 2 subjects at subsidiary level at the Higher School Certificate Examination, or
- (iii) 3 passes at A-level;
- (iv) Some of them also have relevant Diploma/National Diploma from a recognised institution.

These are the requirements for their admission.

Foreign students may enrol on full-time undergraduate programmes. For postgraduate programmes, foreign students possessing a degree may enrol for both fulltime and part-time courses. They should also be holders of a Student Visa. I am informed by the Passport and Immigration Office that application for Student Visa should be made by the institutions having enrolled the students.

Mr Speaker, Sir, with regard to part (b) of the question, I am informed that a total of 1,666 foreign students have enrolled in public and private institutions since January 2022 to date.

**Mr Bodha:** May I ask the Vice-Prime Minister whether there has been a fall in the number of students enrolling since January 2023?

**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun:** No, Mr Speaker, Sir. This is not the case because we have students getting enrolled at different points in time during the year. So, some institutions have admissions in March, others a bit later, so, a fall has not been noted.

**Mr Bodha:** May I ask another question, Mr Speaker, Sir? Whether the Vice-Prime Minister is aware that there is a change in the entry visa policy which has become more stringent so that we have less and less students coming to Mauritius?

**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun:** This is not the case, Mr Speaker, Sir. However, the PIO has noted that there are certain candidates who had submitted certain fake documents and they are investigating on that issue and that is why they had to be more careful while providing the permits.