

**PROF. BASDEO BISSONDOYAL TRUST FUND & MALCOLM DE CHAZAL  
TRUST FUND – BOARD (01/12/09)**

(No. B/1266) Mrs F. Labelle (Third Member for Vacoas & Floreal) asked the Minister of Education, Culture and Human Resources whether, in regard to the proposed appointment of the Board of the Professor Basdeo Bissoondoyal Trust Fund and of the Malcom de Chazal Trust Fund, he will state where matters stand.

**Dr. Bunwaree:** Mr Speaker, Sir, Government will soon be coming with a policy decision on how best to commemorate the memories of important local personalities. In reply to PQ No. B/599, I informed the House that my Ministry was working on a repertory of all renowned Mauritians who have marked the arts and cultural space in Mauritius with a view to finding ways and means to perpetuate their memories, philosophy and works for future generations and the idea was to come up with a proper framework for that purpose.

I am glad to inform the House that after consulting different stakeholders, my Ministry has received proposals for some 50 important personalities who have marked our history in an indelible way.

My Ministry is now working on a new framework to perpetuate the memories of our illustrious *filis du sol* or *fille du sol* and, in the meantime, we are considering the reconstitution of the Boards of both institutions, i.e. the Prof. Basdeo Bissoondoyal Trust Fund and the Malcolm de Chazal Trust Fund.

**Mrs Labelle:** May I ask the hon. Minister whether he will wait for the completion of this list of 50 personalities to constitute the Boards of these two Trusts?

**Dr. Bunwaree:** I have said, in the meantime, we are considering the constitution of both institutions. I think that by the end of December it would have been done.

**Mrs Labelle:** Last time, the answer was that they were considering the constitution of the Board. So, after some months, that's why I am asking whether it is something to be done right now, because this was the same answer some months before.

**Mr Speaker:** The Minister has said by December it will be done.