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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF CUREPIPE – PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOLS (10/06/08)

(No. B/681) Mrs M. Martin (Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands) asked the Minister of Local Government whether in regard to the pre-primary schools under the aegis of the Municipal Council of Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to –

- (a) the number of children who have been admitted in January 2008 in each establishment;
- (b) the number of children in each school;
- (c) the number of pre-primary teachers per school, and
- (d) if any of those pre-primary schools are in need of repair works.

Dr. David: Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am advised by the Municipality of Curepipe that there are two Pre-primary schools...

(Interruptions)

The Deputy Speaker: Order, I said!

Dr. David: ...under the aegis of the Council, namely the Malherbes Pre-primary school and the Casernes Pre-primary school.
With regard to parts (a) to (c) of the question, ...

(Interruptions)

The Deputy Speaker: I said order!

Dr. David: ... I am informed that 12 children...

(Interruptions)

The Deputy Speaker: Hon Soodhun!

(Interruptions)

You withdraw what you have said just now.

Mr Soodhun: I withdraw.

Dr. David: With regard to parts (a) to (c) of the question, I am informed that 12 children have been admitted in Malherbes...

(Interruptions)

The Deputy Speaker: Order! Order, I said! I said order! Hon. Soodhun! Hon. Soodhun, you look at me! You stop now! And the hon. Minister also.

(Interruptions)

Hon. Soodhun, that is the very last warning that I am giving to both of you.

(Interruptions)

Dr. David: It is for the third time that I am trying to reply, Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir.

The Deputy Speaker: I know.

Dr. David: With regard to parts (a) to (c) of the question, I am informed that 12 children have been admitted in Malherbes Pre-primary school and 11 children have been admitted in Casernes Pre-primary school in January 2008. Each establishment comprises 27 children and two teachers.

For part (d) of the question, I have been informed that an amount of Rs200,000 has been earmarked by the Municipal Council of Curepipe for financial year 2008/2009 for renovation works in both schools. Renovation works for Casernes Pre-primary school includes painting, placing of tiles and upgrading of yard whilst at Malherbes Pre-primary school new playground equipment will be fixed.

Mrs Martin: May I ask the hon. Minister what is the actual capacity of those two pre-primary schools?

Dr. David: I am not aware, Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir. I will check.

Mrs Martin: May I ask the hon. Minister whether, in the case of Casernes Preprimary school, he is aware that it is actually the roof which needs repair more than the painting, the tiles replacement and upgrading? because the roof is actually threatening to fall on the heads of the children.

Dr. David: I'll certainly look into it. But from the information I have, for Casernes Pre-primary school renovation works consist of placing of tiles and painting of building, equipment for outdoor playground, cleaning of backyard. If there is a problem with the roof, I'll certainly look into it.

Mrs Labelle: From the information given by the hon. Minister, we see that the intake is very low. Has the Municipality set up an inquiry to see the reason behind such a low intake at these schools?

Dr. David: Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, I can pass on the question.

The Deputy Speaker: Time is over!