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**MITD- ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION & MECHANICAL ENGINEERING-
TRAINING**

(23.10.2018)

(No. B/915) Mr B. Jahangeer (Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles & Souillac) asked the Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research whether, in regard to the training of new tradesmen, namely, in the field of plumbing, electrical installation and mechanical engineering, amongst others, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Institute of Training and Development, information as to where matters stand.

(Withdrawn)

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SURINAM MITD TRAINING CENTRE – STUDENTS – ENROLMENT (24/07/2018)

(No. B/688) Mr E. Jhuboo (Third Member for Savanne & Black River) asked the Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research whether, in regard to the Surinam Mauritius Institute of Training and Development Centre, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the courses being run thereat, indicating in each case, the number of students enrolled therefor.

Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun: Madam Speaker, I am informed by the MITD that four courses are being run at the Surinam MITD Training Centre in the following fields as from this year –

- Electrical Installation Works at NC3 Level with 24 students;
- Plumbing at NC3 Level with 22 students;
- Garment Making at NC3 Level with 23 students, and
- Agriculture at NC3 Level with 21 students.

It is to be noted that the students for Agriculture course registered themselves at the Surinam MITD Training Centre, but follow their courses both theory and practical at the FAREI, Wooton.

In addition, 12 students had followed the course on Electrical Installation Work on the old scheme at NC4 Level at the Surinam MITD Training Centre from July 27 to July 2018.

Madam Speaker: Yes, hon. Jhuboo!

Mr Jhuboo: Since the hon. Minister mentioned the NC4 course, can we know the reason why the course was cancelled?

Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun: The course was not cancelled, Madam Speaker. There is a new scheme and the course duration has now been extended to two years. For this particular year, we are waiting for the NC3 students to complete their NC3 Level and to go on a two-year NC4 course. So, we are waiting for this batch to move on. It is a question of space and infrastructure available for the course. So, next year most probably when the 24 students, who are in NC3 this year, will go for NC4, they will be given the course.

Madam Speaker: Yes, hon. Jhuboo!

Mr Jhuboo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My information is that the NC4 will be cancelled and the students will be transferred to Mahebourg in Beau Vallon. So, there has been some representation from parents and students to the effect to maintain the NC4 course in Surinam.

Madam Speaker: That is your question.

Mr Jhuboo: This is my question.

Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun: This is what I am trying to explain, Madam Speaker. We do have a rationalisation programme at the level of MITD. But the very fact that this year there were only four students from the region who opted for NC4, they were provided the opportunity to go for the courses at Mahebourg.

In the years to come, we will be having a brand new, modern centre at Beau Vallon which will be able to cater for a larger number of students, but for the time being, the NC3 level students are being awaited to complete their course and then they will move on to NC4, which will be a course over two years. That is why we have a problem of space. Previously, the NC4 course was of one-year duration, and so we had sufficient space for all the students together. Now, we have to wait for the cycle to be completed before recruiting students for NC4. It is a two-year course now.

Madam Speaker: Hon. Mrs Perraud!

Mrs Perraud: Can the hon. Minister inform the House whether, for this MITD, new equipment will be bought and the infrastructure will be upgraded, please?

Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun: Madam Speaker, there is a whole programme of renovation going on at the level of the MITD. I cannot specifically say what are the equipment that are going to be bought for that particular centre, but I can assure the House that the whole sector is being rebranded. So, we will be having new equipment in all the centres.

