



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Executive Council

PRESS RELEASE

The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 22 April 2011 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. G. JABEEMISSAR, G.O.S.K. and has, among its deliberations:

DECIDED :

- (i) to approve that the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office grant a financial assistance of Rs 10,000 to a group of women of "Femmes Entrepreneurs de Rodrigues (FER) Ouest" to help them participate in an expo-sales at Winners in Mauritius. The delegation will leave Rodrigues on 22 April 2011 and will be back on 11 May 2011.
- (ii) to approve that the Commission for Public Infrastructure proceed ahead with the implementation of the following projects in Local Region No. 5 and No. 6 :-
 - (a) Levelling and Fencing works at Mt Goyaves Football ground - Works consist of levelling and high fencing wall on one side and normal fencing on the road side;
 - (b) Children Garden at Orange;
 - (c) Children Garden at Citronelle;
 - (d) Bus Shelter and footpath at Solitude - Works consist of construction of retaining wall and hand-railing, footpath from main road to near Forest Department;
 - (e) Sports Ground at Anse aux Anglais – Ex Rodnix Site ;
 - (f) Upgrading of yard at La Cure Port Mathurin;
 - (g) Construction of bridge and repair of children garden at Anse Aux Anglais;

- (h) Green Space at Riviere Banane;
 - (i) Upgrading of Pointe Coton Beach – inclusive of upgrading of toilet block and installation of picnic tables;
 - (j) Upgrading of Batatrand volleyball pitch;
 - (k) Fencing and upgrading of pre-primary school at Trefles;
 - (l) Construction of a Green Space at Nassola;
 - (m) Fencing and Upgrading of Pre-primary school at Roche Bon Dieu;
 - (n) Upgrading of toilet at Coromandel Community Centre;
 - (o) Construction of a "Parcours de Santé" of 1 Km from Batatrand to Gravier;
 - (p) Installation of picnic tables at Anse Ally Beach;
 - (q) Levelling of ground and construction of meeting place at Anse Femi;
 - (r) Construction of "Aire de petanque" at Mte Cabris Est; and
 - (s) Construction of Bus shelters at Pointe Cotton, Nassola near carrefour, Coromandel, Palissade and Patate Theophile.
- (iii) to approve that the Commission for Social Security proceeds with the payment of examination fees for students whose parents are facing difficulties to meet the costs of examinations fees for SC/HSC Examinations 2011. The aim is to foster lifelong learning through the provision of tuition to SC/HSC students and other training facilities.

TAKEN NOTE:

- (i) that UNESCO has approved the Chief Commissioner's Office project of setting up a '**Community Television and Audio Visual for Rodrigues Island**' through a first disbursement of US\$ 19 733. The project consists of:-
 - (a) the setting up of a Full Fledge Audio Visual Unit with all its staff and equipment to be attached to the Chief Commissioner's Office; and
 - (b) to built capacity for the continuous production of local TV programme to air over the TV.

TAKEN NOTE:

- (ii) that for the first three months of 2011, there has been an increase of 5.3% in Tourists Arrivals in Rodrigues as compared to the same period in 2010 that is from 10344 to 10892. However the percentage increase per month in respect of January is 11.63%, February 6.73% and March -5.08% respectively. The 5.08% decrease in March 2011 may be explained by the school holiday and celebration of Easter which is in April this year instead of March in 2010.
- (iii) that the Commission for Environment will launch an island-wide cleaning campaign in the context of the celebration of the World Environment Day 2011. The cleaning campaign will be held on six consecutive weekends as from 30 April to 05 June 2011 in different regions. The activity will culminate with the celebration of the World Environment Day 2011 on 05 June 2011.
- (iv) that the Commission for Youth and Sports in collaboration with the Rodrigues Regional Football Committee has launched an Inter Region Football Challenge Cup Tournament on 26 March 2011 in zone 1. The main objective of this tournament is to enhance the promotion of football activities at regional level in Rodrigues and to provide additional competition so as to boost up the performance level of the different football teams in the island.
- (v) that the Commission for Youth and Sports will organize a get together party on Saturday 30 April 2011 at the Residency, Port Mathurin in view to compensate the winners from the different disciplines during the recent Jeux de L'Espoir 2011 which was held in Mauritius from 13 to 14 April 2011. Rodrigues has participated in six disciplines namely: Football, Volleyball, Judo, Boxing, Wrestling and Athletics and has won a total of 55 medals among which 36 gold, 13 silver and 7 bronze.
- (vi) that the Commission for Youth and Sports will re-extend financial assistance of a monthly cash allowance of Rs 5,000 to the Kickboxer, Mr. Facson PERRINE as from the month of April 2011 up to December 2011 so as to enable him to continue his training in Mauritius in view of his continuous preparation for international competitions.

TAKEN NOTE:

- (vii) that the Commission for Social Security will make necessary arrangement for the celebration of the 100 birthday of Mrs. Noelline LABOUR of Allée Tamarin on 01 May, 2011. The activities to be organized on this occasion consist of a birthday party to which will be invited the Minister of Social Security or a Representative, the Members of the Executive Council and the Regional Assembly, other dignitaries, personalities, relatives and friends of the Centenarian.
- (viii) that the Commission for Social Security will proceed with the release a Grant-in-aid to the Rodrigues Association for the Disabled (RAD) and the "Association des Handicapés Mentaux de L'Ile Rodrigues" (AHMIR). The grant will assist the Associations to meet the cost of expenses such as training of disabled children, salaries for staff, stationeries, electricity charges, training tools/equipment and other operating costs.
- (ix) that the Commission for Water Resources will launch tenders for security services at Source Ti Gomme Water System, Mourouk and Petit Brulé.

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