



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Executive Council

PRESS RELEASE

The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 29 July 2011 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. G. JABEEMISSAR, G.O.S.K. and has, among its deliberations:

DECIDED :

- (i) that the Commission for State Land adopts new policies concerning state land leases in Rodrigues with a view to tighten control while at the same time ensuring a more effective land management to meet the socio - economic long term development objectives of Rodrigues:-

Residential leases

(a) Long Term Leases

To adopt the same policy as the Ministry of Housing and Land to grant long term new leases for a period not exceeding 60 years instead of 20 years presently.

(b) Extension of Lease

To extend existing lease for a period not exceeding 60 years to provide for the operation of home activities (dress making, artisanal business, hairdressing, etc) according to the new Business Facilitation Act, with a view to facilitate access to financial facilities, provided that the life of the running lease is above seven (7) years.

DECIDED :

(c) Additional leases to run home activities

For those holding Residential leases who cannot run home activities on a site due to its remoteness and have been granted separate commercial leases for such purposes, the rent be reviewed to an affordable prices of Rs 1000 for the first 10 years and 50% increase for each and every subsequent 10 year period.

(d) Maximum extent for a residential site

To increase the extent granted for Residential Lease from 420 m² to 600 m² subject to availability of land on site.

Industrial Commercial lease

(a) Documents required prior to processing application

To adopt the same policy prevailing at the Ministry of Housing and Land that prior to an application from a company for land leases is considered, the latter should be requested to submit copy of its Certificate of Incorporation, its current shareholding structure and that of any of its subsidiary shareholder company, a Certificate issued by the Board of Investment/Prime Minister's Office as the case may be, under the Non-Citizens (Property Restriction) Act authorizing the foreign shareholder to hold land on lease, in case there is any foreigner shareholder in the Company.

(b) Delay for the reservation of site and submission of plans

To delay reservation of land from six (6) months to one (1) year and the submission of preliminary plans from three (3) months to six (6) months.

(c) Pledging of Rights

To restrict the grant of authorization for pledging of rights on residential leases for loans which will be used:

- (a) matters relating to the development of the site leased;
- (b) health issues; and
- (c) educational purposes for self, spouse and descendents.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) that the Commission for Women Affairs and the Women In Politics Rodrigues platform are organizing the following activities with the objectives that these activities are geared towards the empowerment of Women in Politics and the professionalisation of women politicians:
 - (a) a Press Conference at Coralie La Difference Restaurant followed by an induction ceremony to welcome the two new women members in Politics, namely; Miss Annee LAROSE and Mrs. Marie Therese AGATHE;
 - (b) a training session on 20th August 2011 on Good Governance, Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act and Leadership at Mourouk Ebony Hotel for members of the platform and women agents in Politics.

- (ii) that the Commission for Social Security organizes an activity including a religious ceremony which will be held on 18 September, 2011 at the Riviere Banane Community Centre in favour of Mrs. Elixene PLAICHE of Rivière Banane who will celebrate her 100 Birthday on 18 September, 2011.

- (iii) that the Commission for Community Development has awarded a tender for Procurement of Civil Works for Community Centres in Rodrigues. The works will be executed through Works Order with a view to improve and complete ongoing works at several Community Centres around Rodrigues.

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