31.3.2015: EX-PALMAR LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION UNIT - LAND - LEASE

(No. B/229) Mr D. Sesungkur (First Member for Montagne Blanche & GRSE) asked the Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security whether, in regard to the plot of land, including the infrastructure therefor, devoted to the ex-paddock at Palmar, he will state –

(a) if same has been leased to a private company or companies and, if so, indicate the

   (i) extent thereof;

   (ii) period thereof, and

   (iii) rent payable therefor, and

(b) how his Ministry proposes to optimize the use thereof, giving details thereof.

Mr Seeruttun: Madam Speaker, I am informed that the ex-Palmar Livestock Production Unit was closed down in April 2008, and 304 out of the 310 arpents were vested in the Ministry of Housing and Lands for eventual allocation to promoters for implementation of tourism related projects.

The remaining six arpents was leased in April 2012 to Aksaye Enterprises Ltd, represented by Mr Doomeswarsing Gooljaury, for vegetables cultivation. The lease is valid for a term of 20 years, and the rental payable is Rs1,000 per arpent annually.

I am further informed that the lessee has not been paying the rental since 2013, and action has been initiated for the cancellation of the lease and the retrieval of the land.